

Judge condemns 'political posturing'

Rates rebels lose appeals against huge surcharges

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

The 81 Labour councillors who spearheaded last year's rates rebellion, yesterday lost their appeals in the High Court against massive surcharges and banning from office.

Lord Justice Glidewell found that many of the rebels from Liverpool and Lambeth councils were guilty of "bare political posturing".

both councils with more than £200,000 to pay in surcharges alone.

Liverpool unions call for strike

Trade union leaders in Liverpool, called on the 31,000 city hall workforce last night to join a one-day strike today in support of the 49 Labour councillors who lost their High Court appeal against disqualification and surcharge yesterday.

Transport and General Workers' Union, which has 2,000 members in the city.

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Bank of England halts £1bn merger

Plans for a merger between Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, and Exco, the money broker, which would have created a new £1 billion financial services conglomerate, were called off yesterday after talks with the Bank of England.

MP learns of public money fraud charge

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, has told Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP for Hackney South and Shore, that a person has been charged with a fraud involving the misappropriation of public money.



A startled Prince Andrew was given a surprise send-off by shipmates yesterday when he left HMS Brazen at Devonport for the last time.

General Motors leads five BL bids

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Commons yesterday that British Leyland's bankers had received five bid declarations for parts of the state-owned company.

ANC flags fly at township burial

As many as 50,000 people gathered in Alexandra, the black ghetto in northern Johannesburg, for 17 of the people killed there last month in riots and clashes with police and troops.

Avalanche kills 7 troops in Norway

Seven Norwegian soldiers died and seven others were missing yesterday after an avalanche buried a group of 27 infantrymen on routine Nato military exercises above the Arctic Circle in Norway.

Sport to aid famine fight

A global marathon race will be the climax of a Sport Aid week in May to raise money for famine relief in Africa.

Doubt cast by Reagan on summit

Washington (Reuters) - President Reagan was quoted as saying yesterday that he would call off a planned trip to Moscow next year unless the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, came to the United States for a summit meeting this year.

Pensions for mustard gas war victims

Mr Stevens, now aged 64, was on HMS Vulcan, a supply ship serving motor torpedo boats, when the ship went down and "vapour" came across the harbour and hit them.

Societies hit back in home loan war

The battle for the mortgage market between the high street banks and the building societies hotted up yesterday when the three largest building societies - the Halifax, Abbey National, and Nationwide - abolished the half a per cent extra interest rate charged on endowment mortgages.

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Advertisement for InterCity Finance Ltd. featuring a woman and text: 'HOMEOWNERS... MORTGAGE PAYERS NOW HERE'S A WAY TO REALLY CUT YOUR OUTGOINGS!'.

Fowler sacks Labour health chief pursuing Tory policy

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

A health authority chairman who was effectively forced out of the Labour Party for pursuing government policies on the health service has been told by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, that his appointment is not to be renewed.

Mr Sam Dougherty, chairman of Wandsworth health authority, has been told his appointment is to end in the coming round of appointments and re-appointments of chairmen of the 190 district health authorities, even though he wished to continue for another four-year term.

Dr John Todd, chairman of Canterbury and Thanet health authority, has also not been reappointed in spite of wishing to continue, after he spoke out about the financial difficulties his district was facing.

The effective dismissals come amid fears by health authority chairmen and officers that health ministers are trying to replace chairmen who have fought publicly for more resources with "safe Conservative hands".

They believe that the Government wants to stop health authorities "rocking the boat" about NHS cuts as the general election approaches.

Wandsworth, as a losing inner-city district, has had its share of disagreements over resources, and ministers are understood to be reluctant to renew the appointments of at least two other inner-city chairmen in London whose authorities have resisted cuts.

Attacks on NCB over pay and closures

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The National Coal Board found itself under attack yesterday by pit managers worried about needless colliery closures, and by the breakaway miners' union which is to take legal action over wage-rise anomalies.

The British Association of Colliery Management, in a highly critical written submission to the Commons Energy Select Committee, attacked the board's "fetish" with market forces, which it said was against the long-term interests of the industry and the economy.

The association, which represents 14,000 middle and senior coal industry managers, said that it did not disagree with the board's desire to eliminate government subsidy. But if the strategy was implemented too literally, "the effect will be unjustifiably to increase the rate of closure".

"We are concerned that the board's new strategy is deficient in a number of respects and that it reflects an essentially reactive and short-term response to the industry's problems," the association said.

The strategy meant that surplus capacity could be eliminated even if it was economic, because of market availability.

The pit managers recommended that the maximum use of coal should be encouraged, particularly in the public sector and by the British Steel Corporation. Coal imports should be discouraged.

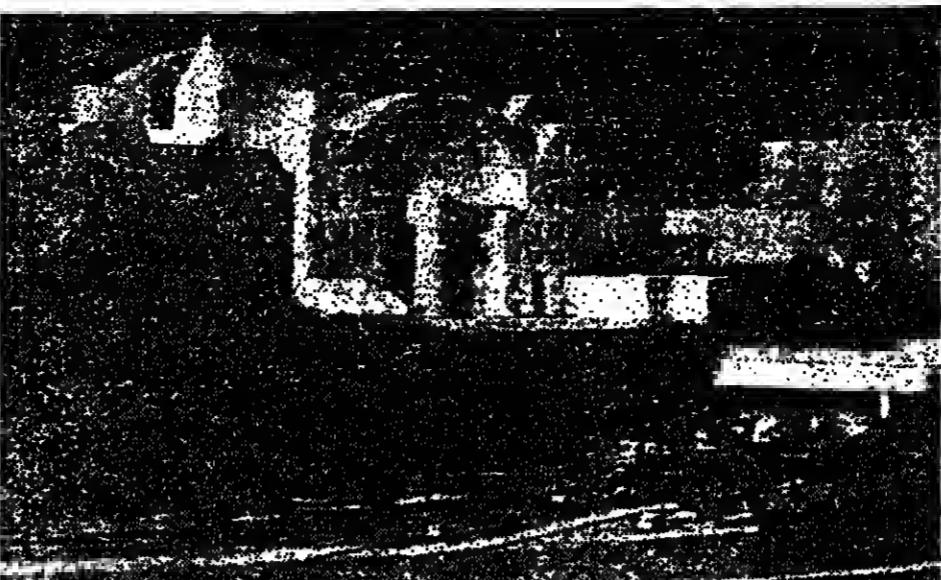
The disclosure that the Union of Democratic Mineworkers is taking action against the board's refusal to pay some members an agreed wage rise was made by Mr Roy Link, its general secretary, who said that large proportions of its management did not want to recognize the new union and tried to pretend it didn't exist.

He told the Commons Energy Select Committee that the NCB recognized the UDM in areas where the union had more than half the miners as members. But in other regions, even where there was a substantial minority of UDM members, the board would not recognize the union or pay them an agreed wage rise.

Mr Link told the MPs that the NCB was not paying over the extra cash because they did not want to.

The pay increase of £5.50p a week plus a shift bonus was accepted by leaders of the UDM last November. It has been paid to miners in Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire where the union has a large membership, but with certain exceptions has not been paid to members elsewhere.

The NCB confirmed last night that it had received a writ from Mr Link's union.



The proposed development with the Hungerford footbridge (right) seen from the river.

Charing Cross facelift

By Charles Kneivitt, Architecture Correspondent

Plans for a £100 million development and urban renewal scheme at Charing Cross station, London, were unveiled yesterday by Mr Terry Farrell, the architect, on behalf of Greycoat Group and British Railways Board.

The scheme, called the Charing Cross Centre, is being submitted to Westminster City Council for planning permission this week. It covers several acres between the Strand and the River Thames Embankment point.

Air rights have been granted by British Rail for offices over the station concourse. They will have a vaulted roof similar to the original one, which preceded the supposedly temporary flat roof built in 1905.

The Hungerford pedestrian bridge over the river will be linked to the concourse, and covered escalators will connect it to Villiers Street, to the east.

Embankment Gardens will be opened and the handstand moved, and an amphitheatre is proposed at the York Water-gate arch.



Mr Farrell (left) with Mr Geoffrey Wilson of Greycoat

The offices, with new buildings on Villiers Street, will total 430,000 sq ft, and run the length of the station, behind the listed hotel by Barry.

Work already being done on the station will be accelerated, but not as part of the scheme.

Vaults beneath the station will provide 47,000 sq ft for shops, other commercial use, the rebuilding of the Players Theatre, and a sports centre.

Virtually nothing will be demolished if the proposals go ahead.

Armstrong on the defensive over leak

By Stephen Goodwin, Political Staff

Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, was involved in angry exchanges before a Commons select committee yesterday.

He again defended the role of senior Civil Servants in the leak of the Solicitor General's letter during the Westland affair.

He told the MPs that officials at 10 Downing Street and the Department of Trade and Industry had paid "a considerable price" in terms of anxiety and public exposure.

But although Sir Robert regretted their failure to recognize the sensitivity of the critical letter to Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence, he did not think it warranted disciplinary proceedings.

At one moment during his cross-examination Sir Robert was told by Dr John Gilbert, Labour MP for Dudley East, that he was surrounded by "a sea of outrage".

It was the Cabinet Secretary's second appearance before the defence committee.

Sir Robert conducted the inquiry into the leak of Sir Patrick Mayhew's letter on January 6, but has steadfastly refused to name the top officials involved.

Members of the committee had no such qualms, constantly referring to Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, Mr Charles Powell, a private secretary in her office at No 10, and Miss Colette Bowe, head of information at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Sir Robert condemned Dr Gilbert's description of events as "grossly unfair".

He said that the officials concerned all had the authority of a minister (Mr Brittan) who had accepted full responsibility for "the fact and form" of the disclosure. He had never considered resigning himself.

Licence given to genetically fixed drug

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first genetically engineered drug to receive a licence in Britain has been approved by the Committee for the Safety of Medicines.

The compound belongs to the family of interferons, the group of molecules which the body produces naturally during virus infections.

Permission was granted for the use of the substance called Wellferon specifically for the treatment of an uncommon condition known as hairy cell leukaemia.

The drug has undergone extensive trials by groups in London, Cambridge, Exeter, Portsmouth, and Maidstone who were working with Dr Daniel Catovsky of the Medical Research Council's Leukaemia Unit at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

At a meeting of the Royal Society in London last night the development of Wellferon was described from its laboratory discovery nearly three years ago to its refinement by the Wellcome Biotechnology at Beckenham, in Kent, as an anti-cancer drug.

Interferon was the first antiviral agent discovered in research at the National Institute for Medical Research in north London, in 1957.

The Wellferon preparation has also been effective in eliminating warts that have resisted other treatments and as an additional aid in overcoming the problems of infection among patients undergoing organ transplants.

Judges in 'checks' dispute

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A group of lawyers is divided over the merits of a proposal which would allow the ombudsman to investigate complaints against judges.

The committee, set up to recommend reforms on the administration of the courts, has failed to reach a united view on the proposal which was made to meet public concern that the present system offers no channel for such complaints.

But it is expected that in its forthcoming report the committee will recommend unanimously that the responsibilities of the Home Office and the Lord Chancellor's Department for the administration of justice be merged into one department.

That at least would eliminate the confusion arising from the present split in responsibilities which often means that complainants do not know where even to send their complaints.

At present the ombudsman, or Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, can investigate things done on behalf of the Lord Chancellor's Department or the Home Office, provided the aggrieved person cannot take the matter to court.

But he cannot investigate things done by or on behalf of judges.

Several members of the committee were concerned that there is no way someone can complain about a judicial decision, although they can complain about one by a court official.

Many complaints concerned the behaviour of judges and a majority on the committee felt that, as misbehaviour in the public service amounts to maladministration, one remedy was to extend the jurisdiction of the ombudsman.

But a minority group was concerned that such a proposal would pose a threat to the independence of the judiciary.

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By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The three men appointed by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) to look at the long-term problems of teachers' pay and conditions begin their deliberations tomorrow.

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Sergeant suspended by Yard

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A police sergeant was suspended yesterday by Scotland Yard officers investigating the case of five north London youths beaten up two years ago outside a funfair by officers from a district police van.

The officer, based at Hampstead, has been suspended "pending further inquiries".

Last month four constables in their twenties were charged with conspiracy with others to assault the youths.

The five were attacked by officers from a patrolling van in Holloway. Two had hospital treatment.

Three inquiries were held to try to trace the culprits but investigators did not get beyond the fact that the attackers came from one of three police vans in the district until a confidential telephone line was set up.

Doctors urge Pill confidence

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The British Medical Association yesterday urged the General Medical Council to reconsider its advice to doctors to tell parents when a girl aged 'under' 16 seeks contraceptive advice if they consider her too immature to understand the issues involved.

The council of the BMA also reiterated its advice to doctors that they must maintain the girl's confidentiality even if they decide she is too immature to receive the pill or other contraceptive treatment.

Dr John Marks, BMA council chairman, said it was their view that doctors should keep the consultation confidential.

"The GMC's advice is that in those circumstances he may inform the parents of the consultation if he considers that is in the girl's best interests."

The GMC is planning to review its guidance on about treatment for under age girls. The Department of Health is expected to issue its new guidance today after last year's ruling by the Law lords.

Meanwhile, doctors yesterday backed the right of patients to have access to their medical records, but with some reservations. Under the Data Protection Act, health ministers have to decide the extent to which patients should be allowed access to their medical records.

The BMA council proposed that patients should be given access to their records, subject to the discretion of their doctor, and if they are not satisfied with the information, they should have the right to seek access through an independent doctor of their choice who would look at the record for them.

In the last resort, patients could bring a court action to seek access to any information

Further Anglo-Irish talks Unionist alliance under strain

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Britain and the Irish Republic will hold a further session of the Anglo-Irish conference within two weeks in spite of demands from Unionists for the agreement's suspension.

The fourth full meeting of the joint ministerial conference, between Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr Peter Barry, the republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs, is expected to be held in Belfast, and signals the Government's determination to implement the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Although Unionist leaders appealed for a suspension of the deal, or "some of the mechanism", to allow negotiations on devolution to begin, both governments are committed to implementing the agreement.

There are growing indications that the Government is taking seriously the possibility of a change in the Unionist leadership after the violent day of action, which even moderate Unionists privately admit backfired disastrously.

The tactic ended the growing pressure that was being put upon Mr John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, to be more conciliatory towards Unionists. While the role of the Royal Ulster Constabulary dampened SDLP enthusiasm to support the security forces.

Meanwhile, the uneasy alliance between Northern Ireland's two main Unionist parties is under growing strain which many suspect will lead to a split.

In spite of loud protestations of friendship, the Official Unionist Party is unhappy at finding itself locked in an embrace with the Democratic Unionists.

So far both parties and their leaders, Mr James Moynihan and the Rev Ian Paisley, have

Herbage fails

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

The international financier awaiting extradition proceedings to the United States on 46 million dollar fraud charges, yesterday lost a High Court bid to be released from Pentonville prison where he has been in custody since last October.

£2m for care

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

Caring organizations in Britain are getting nearly £2 million from the European Community's £18.3 million anti-poverty fund, it was announced in Brussels yesterday.

Honeyford job

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

The post held by Mr Ray Honeyford, who retired as head teacher of Drummond Middle School, Bradford, West Yorkshire, after a race row, is to be re-advertised because no suitable candidates have applied.

Jail reopens

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

Winchester Prison reopens to visitors and resumes moving prisoners to courts today after being closed on Monday when two cases of meningitis were discovered among inmates.

Rail talks call

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

Rail union leaders have decided that British Rail's 5 per cent "final" pay offer is inadequate and they are to seek urgent talks on behalf of 120,000 rail workers.

Sweet warning

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

Police warned parents in Bristol yesterday to watch for fudge spiked with cannabis resin that might fall into children's hands after the sweet was found in a raid.

MP pulls out

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

Mr John Forrester, the Labour MP, has pulled out of the re-election battle for his Stoke-on-Trent North seat.

Correction

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

A headline on February 20 wrongly implied that the Commission for Racial Equality had declared unlawful an advertisement by Dwyer for consultants. The commission is still considering the advertisement.

Correction

By Alex Herbage, International Finance Correspondent

Buying The Times overseas is possible. Canada \$2.75, Caribbean \$2.00, Ceylon \$2.00, Hong Kong \$2.00, India \$2.00, Japan \$2.00, New Zealand \$2.00, Singapore \$2.00, South Africa \$2.00, USA \$2.00, West Indies \$2.00, Yugoslavia \$2.00.

Global race to fight famine

By Paul Valley

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to take part in a global marathon race in May. It will be run simultaneously in 55 different cities at the end of a week of fund-raising called Sport Aid.

Plans outlined yesterday could make it the highest charitable event yet held.

The race, which is being organized jointly by Band Aid and the United Nations, seems likely to raise amounts similar to those collected after last year's Live Aid concert when 100 million dollars was contributed towards famine relief and development work in Africa.

It was launched yesterday by a team which included Bob Geldof of Band Aid, Mr James Grant, the executive director of the United Nations

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Children's Fund, Sebastian Coe, the Olympic gold medalist, Bryan Robson, the captain of the England football team, and Bobby Charlton, the former England international.

Bob Geldof called for schools, clubs, offices and local authorities to organize parallel unofficial events to coincide with the official races which would be linked by television.

The week's sporting fixtures are expected to include appearances from most of the world's leading sportsmen.

Countries which have already confirmed their participation in the simultaneous race against time include Australia, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Tanzania, the US and most European countries.

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Sport Aid will be inaugurated by an Ethiopian runner who will light a torch from the fire of an Ethiopian refugee camp and then run with it through 12 European capitals and arrive in New York on May 25 on the eve of the UN General Assembly's first special session on Africa.

Before the UN headquarters he will light the fire which, televised all over the world, will be the signal for the race to begin in each place, irrespective of the time of day or night.

In each city the course will be 10 kilometres long to symbolise the 10 years of effort needed to halve the child mortality rate in Africa.

Sport Aid is being co-ordinated through the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.

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Most people want law on smoking at work and in restaurants

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Smoke-free areas at work and in restaurants should be provided by law, according to a *Which?* survey published today.

Fifty-eight per cent of those questioned believed that employers should have to provide smoke-free areas at work.

More than half the smokers in the survey and three-quarters of the non-smokers believed restaurants should also be legally required to have no-smoking areas, *Which?* says in its survey on attitudes to smoking.

The magazine says that apart from the cost of smoking - £20,000 over a lifetime for a typical smoker in their twenties - there is now an overwhelming consensus among

medical experts about the dangers of the habit.

Non-smokers do have some health grounds, apart from irritation and discomfort, for objecting to being exposed to other people's cigarette smoke, the magazine says.

There was now "considerable support" from both smokers and non-smokers for a ban on smoking in most public places.

Only in pubs did most smokers and a large minority of non-smokers feel that a ban was not a good idea.

Which? says there is still a controversy about the danger of breathing other people's cigarette smoke, but that a picture of the risks is beginning to emerge.

People who already suffer

from lung or heart disease can have their condition aggravated.

Second-hand cigarette smoke also was clearly irritating.

In *Which?*'s survey of 1,254 people in 1984 and a further 813 interviewed in 1985, two-thirds of non-smokers said they were sometimes irritated by second-hand smoke and even one in four smokers said they too found other people's smoke irritating at times.

Regular smokers cut five years off their life expectancy, and for those who start young and never give up the figure is 10 to 15 years.

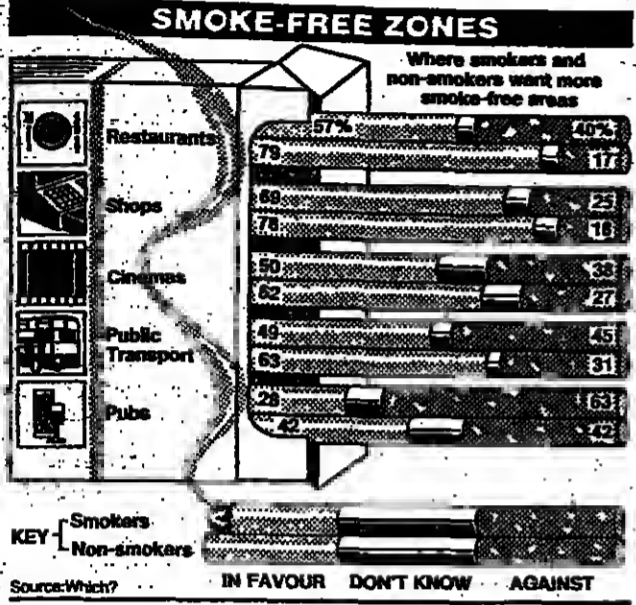
One in four regular smokers dies from the habit. Two of the remaining three have their health impaired; and a smoker aged between 35 and 60 is twice as likely to die within the next year as a non-smoker.

The survey found that three-quarters of adult smokers want to quit or cut down, only one in 50 smokers is glad they started, and three-quarters say they wish they never had.

But the Tobacco Advisory Council yesterday claimed there was no proof that the health of non-smokers was harmed by second-hand smoke.

Publishing its own assessment of the scientific evidence, it said that banning smoking in public places or at work "simply cannot be justified on health grounds".

Unions and management at John Player, the Nottingham-based tobacco company, yesterday attacked a smoking ban planned by city councillors because the firm provides work for 3,200 people.



Gary Napper putting gold leaf on the surround of a Reynolds bust during restoration work on the National Gallery's octagonal dome yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Child-bridal case forces review of immigration laws

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Changes in the law were promised yesterday to prevent recurrence of a case in which a bride, aged 12, was brought to Britain by her husband.

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, said in a radio interview that Home Office officials were working "right now" on the matter. The police have also begun an investigation.

Manchester City Council said yesterday that teachers at Levenshulme High School knew of her circumstances when she was enrolled, but were concerned only for her education.

The girl, Elham Bahrami, has been at the school since arriving in Manchester, where she lives with her husband, Mohsen Nikbakht, aged 27, a trainee pharmacist, in a flat in the Whalley Range area.

The council's education department said yesterday: "As she is not an illegal immigrant we have a duty to educate her. If any criminal act is taking place it is a matter for the police to investigate." He confirmed that the school was aware of her circumstances and had sought the department's advice before registering her.

As MPs called for action, a spokesman for Greater Manchester Police said: "The matter has been brought to our attention and we are making immediate inquiries."

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, and an anti-child sex campaigner, is to ask Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, why the girl was allowed into Britain as a spouse.

Mr Nikbakht, a student at North Trafford College of Education, was quoted in *The Sun* yesterday as saying that he had shown his marriage certificate at the British Embassy in Tehran.

"They told me my case was unique and there was no law to cover the situation. The only problem was when we arrived at Heathrow and the immigration people interviewed us for an hour," he said.

The Home Office said yesterday that immigration rules allowed the wife of a man lawfully in Britain to be given leave to join him.

"Marriages are only recognized as valid here if they are valid under the law of the country in which they are contracted and the parties are domiciled there," a spokesman said. A person need not be residing in a country to be classified as domiciled there.

The case was also drawn to the attention of Home Office ministers until last Tuesday. The couple are said to have come to Britain 15 days after their marriage in January.

Questions to be tabled by Mr Dickens will ask the Attorney General whether he will initiate a prosecution of Mr Nikbakht for allegedly having intercourse with a girl aged under 16.

He will also ask Mr Hurd whether his police is on admitting child spouses to the United Kingdom, why Elham Bahrami was permitted to enter the UK as a spouse in spite of her age, and how many child spouses are known to have been allowed to enter the UK in each of the last five years.

Nursing manpower Action call over 'shortage'

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

There is significant scope for more efficient and effective deployment of nurses over the whole of the National Health Service, the Public Accounts Committee says in a paper published yesterday.

But at the same time it says that there is the prospect of a telling shortage of nurses in a few years and the Department of Health must "consider urgently what needs to be done".

The committee says it is worried by evidence from the Royal College of Nursing that changes in the age structure make it likely that there will be a significant fall shortly in the number of women aged 18 entering nursing.

At the same time 35 per cent of those who enter nursing fail to qualify.

The Department of Health confirms that there could be "trouble with the nursing supply" in two years' time.

While agreeing that nursing manpower is unevenly distributed, the department has no more idea now than it had 17 years ago whether the NHS employs too many or too few nurses, which it finds disturbing, the committee says.

The prospect of a future shortage of nurses is a most serious matter of direct importance to patients. We expect the DHSS to consider urgently what needs to be done, calling upon whatever expert advice is available.

The committee says there is still significant scope for savings in nurses manpower by reducing shift overlaps, changing the mix of grades employed, and introducing five-day wards for minor surgery, which can cut costs without damaging patient care.

Evidence that one authority identified savings of £400,000 from five-day wards, and another found savings of £378,000 on an £11 million nursing budget by examining the mix of grades it employed, lends weight to the view that more effective management could improve efficiency without sacrificing the quality of patient care.

Control of Nursing Manpower (House of Commons Paper 98; Stationery Office: £4.40).

Lecturer doubted Satanist

Derry Mainwaring Knight, a self-confessed Satanist, claimed to a Christian training centre lecturer that a Roman Catholic cardinal was one of the top Satanists in Britain, a court heard yesterday.

The lecturer, the Rev. Michael Barling, told Maidstone Crown Court that Mr Knight alleged that Britain's devil worship organization was based in a building in London.

The wealthy Christians who gave money appointed Mr Barling and the Rev. Colin Urquhart to test if Mr Knight was genuine, the court heard.

Mr Barling was unhappy with Mr Knight's answers to two crucial questions in an interview in January 1985 about his commitment to becoming a Christian. Mr Barling said it was impossible to remain a member of a Satanist organization and also be a Christian.

He told the court: "Mr Knight described some aspects of Satanism in relation to its hierarchy and various church people, including a Roman Catholic cardinal, who were highly active in it and its various ceremonies."

Mr Knight "maintained there was a building in London that was the headquarters of the organization" and referred to a ring, chalice, sword and throne among regalia that had to be bought and destroyed to release him and thousands of others from the Devil's control.

Mr Knight, aged 47, of Dormans Land, Surrey, denies 19 charges of obtaining £203,850 by deception.

He has claimed he needed the money to buy Satanist regalia to free himself from the control of the Devil. But it is alleged that he spent it on high living, fast cars and women.

Mr Barling said Mr Knight became agitated when questioned about how he could be a Satanist and a committed Christian.

"He appeared to find it difficult. He stood up and said something like 'I have had enough of this' and walked out."

The trial continues today.

Families get wreck libel cash

The families of the eight crewmen who died when the freighter *Union Star* sank off Land's End in December 1981, along with the *Pease* lifeboat, are to share substantial High Court libel damages.

The tragedy also claimed the lives of the eight-man crew of the lifeboat, *Solomon Browne*.

Mr Richard Walker, counsel for *Union Transport* (London), owners of the *Union Star*, told Mr Justice Boreham yesterday that many of the reports were speculative and inaccurate.

Mr Walker said that allegations in the *Daily Mirror*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Star*, *The Guardian*, the *Daily Express* and *Lloyd's List* were false and the six publications apologized separately.

They agreed to pay the undisclosed damages and all legal costs.

Mr Walker said that *Union Transport* had requested that the damages should be given to a fund for the families of the *Union Star*'s crew.

Technical graduate shortfall

The market for graduates is booming but the number of students passing degree courses, including those in key disciplines such as electrical and electronic engineering, is falling, according to the Institute of Manpower Studies at Sussex University.

That means that companies will have difficulty recruiting graduates in key technological areas, the institute says.

The number of electrical/electronic engineers graduating will fall from a peak of 2,305 in 1984 to fewer than 2,000 this year. Engineering and technology graduates will fall from 8,694 to 7,889.

Mr Richard Pearson, the institute's associate director, said the Government's change of emphasis to engineering and technology subjects should boost supply by 25 per cent, but that could be undermined by a shortage of suitable students with A level mathematics and physics.

Hospital write to woman dead 14 years

An investigation was promised yesterday into how a Doncaster hospital sent a letter to a woman, 14 years after she died, telling her no bed was yet available.

Her widower, Mr Dennis Eyre of Bentley, South Yorkshire has demanded an apology.

Mrs Sylvia Eyre died from leukaemia in 1972, aged 39. She had been waiting for a bed at Doncaster Royal Infirmary when she was admitted at short notice and died.

Mr Eyre, a retired machine setter, said yesterday: "I was shocked when the letter came through the post. Time heals but this brought it all back."

A hospital spokesman said the letter would have been sent out as part of an annual check.

British set to get more time-saving gadgets

Home owners in Britain are prepared to buy plenty of time-saving electronic devices in the next 10 years, according to a survey completed by MORI for Philips, the European consumer electronics firm.

The study which coincides with the Ideal Home Exhibition in London, shows that microwave ovens, video recorders/disc players and cordless telephones will be commonplace within a decade.

Satellite television and flat screen televisions - which can be easily moved - will be standard equipment, the survey claims.

Consumers' expectations in 10 years

| Product | Percentage |
|------------------------|---|
| Satellite television | 33 |
| Flat screen television | 32 |
| Microwave ovens | 47 |
| Cordless telephones | 30 |
| Compact disc | 22 (men), 15 (women) |
| Satellite television | 22 (men), 15 (women) |
| Flat screen television | 21 (men), 13 (women) |
| Automatic dish washer | 24 - rises to one third among the 15-24 age group |
| Video disc | 23 |
| Video recorder | 42 (because this is the only volume consumer product in homes the figure is adjusted. Video recorder penetration is expected to be about 75 per cent in a decade) |

Sex case 'reign of terror'

Tony Bromwich, an apprentice aged 19, garrotted and sexually attacked a number of women during a five-week reign of terror, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Seven women, aged between 15 and 33, were attacked in north and east London between March and May last year.

Five were approached from behind with a length of rope or flex and "pressure expertly applied sufficient to make the girls unconscious or semi-conscious and rendering them incapable of resisting his sexual advance". Mr Michael Sayers, for the prosecution, told the jury.

Mr Bromwich, an apprentice print finisher of Buxton Road, Upper Holloway, north London, denies attempting to choke women with intent to commit indecent assaults; malicious wounding; indecent assault and assault.

Mr Bromwich was caught by police when he was closing in on an eighth victim, Mr Sayers said. Officers found a length of cord in his pocket. When his home was searched another short cord was found by his bed.

Mr Sayers said that the attacks took place late at night or at the end of the working day. "In some cases violent injuries resulted."

One victim, a dance teacher, aged 24, was three and a half months pregnant. "She felt a sensation like an electric shock as she went to get into the lift of her block of flats and lost consciousness."

After the attack the top of her finger needed to be stitched back. "Four weeks later she miscarried. In medical opinion it could well be as a result of this attack," Mr Sayers said.

The trial continues today.

Arts Council gives grant increases

The Arts Council is to give many of its clients grant increases of around 4 per cent in the next financial year dispelling some of the gloom which has been expressed by companies during the past year.

Many feared that they would be unlikely to receive more than 2 or 3 per cent increases, though the increases announced yesterday will still not meet inflation.

The Royal Opera House, the council's biggest single client, will see its grant increased by 4 per cent to nearly £13.1 million. The Royal Shakespeare Company will also receive a 4 per cent rise taking its grant to £5.197 million, and similar increases will go to regional arts associations.

Grants for the remaining two national companies, the National Theatre and the English National Opera, have not yet been announced. Along with other companies in areas affected by the abolition of metropolitan authorities, their support is still under discussion by the Arts Council and the district councils which will takeover from the authorities next month.

The new grants make the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonietta the first orchestral company to receive more than £1 million in Arts Council subsidy. Its grant rises from £973,500 to £1,012,500.

Lady in lake sex killers jailed for life

Two sex killers, identified by tiny flakes of paint on their clothes, were jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the "lady in the lake" murder of Lisa Jerome, aged 25.

Gary Lombardo, aged 22, of Pathfield Road, Streatham, and Christopher Lillington, aged 22, of Tulsehurst Road, West Norwood, both south London, were found guilty of the murder last April. Lombardo was also sentenced to 15 years for rape and Lillington to seven years for attempted rape.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said Miss Jerome was seized from her flat at Tooting Bec Gardens, Streatham, and driven to Crystal Palace park where the pair helped each other in brutal rape attacks. Because Miss Jerome knew Lombardo they decided to murder her.

Praying pair 'beheaded'

Two men were beheaded with swords as they lay side by side in the Lord's Prayer in an east London restaurant, a jury at the Central Criminal Court heard yesterday.

They were killed on St Valentine's Day in 1984, but their bodies have never been found, Mr Allan Green, for the prosecution, said.

He told the jury that the victims, David Elmore, aged 35, a public house "bouncer", and James Waddington, aged 38, a stonemason, were beheaded and their bodies probably dumped in the sea.

He said that Mr Elmore began to pray aloud as he lay tied up and dying in the Kaldi restaurant in Station Parade, Barking, east London.

It was alleged, for the prosecution, that when he reached the phrase "Thy will be done" one of his alleged attackers, Ronald Reader, remarked: "You're dead right son, you will be done."

Mr Reader, aged 44, a builder, of Cornwallis Road, Dagenham, east London, denies the murders of Mr Elmore, of Gail Street, Dagenham, and Mr Waddington, of Bradfield Drive, Barking.

Mr Green told the jury that the second man said to have been involved in the sword attacks was David Maxwell, aged 41, a club steward, who was tried at the court in January last year and cleared by a jury of both murders.

The trial continues today.

Children learn royal recipe for health

By Tim Jones

A group of primary school children have discovered one of the Princesses of Wales' secrets for keeping slim. Away from the protein-packed hamquets which they attend, it appears that the Princess and her husband favour a simple diet which is low on fat and high on nutrition.

Thirty pupils from the Grove Junior School in Pembroke were delighted to receive a recipe from the royal couple as part of a project for Heartbeat Wales, the campaign to help to stamp out heart disease and encourage healthy living.

To eat like a princess, health conscious nibblers need 350 grammes of wholesome noodles and four or five leeks chopped and sautéed in oil. Add them to vegetable stock with a small amount of curry powder for extra pep and bake with a sprinkling of grated cheese on top. The result is a tasty casserole.

Mr Ian Jones, the headmaster, said yesterday: "You can imagine the excitement in class 1 when a letter arrived from Buckingham Palace on headed notepaper."

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock also favour vegetables for their health diets. The Prime Minister suggested spring soup with watercress and leeks, while the Labour leader favoured layered summer vegetables baked in a casserole, followed by plenty of exercise.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, preferred cauliflower cheese made with wholesome flour and then lots of swimming and walking to aid digestion.

In keeping, perhaps, with the image of his party, Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, came up with the most exotic offering - spinach and lemon mussels with avocado.

Mr Terry Wogan submitted a recipe for chip sandwiches using wholesome bread. The chips, he said, should be fried in polyunsaturated oil with the skins left on the potatoes to avoid soaking up the oil. The children will have to discover how to make chips with all four sides covered in skin.

Bones kept under floor

A dental lecturer accused of murdering his adopted daughter told a court yesterday he had stored human bones under the floorboards of his home for three years.

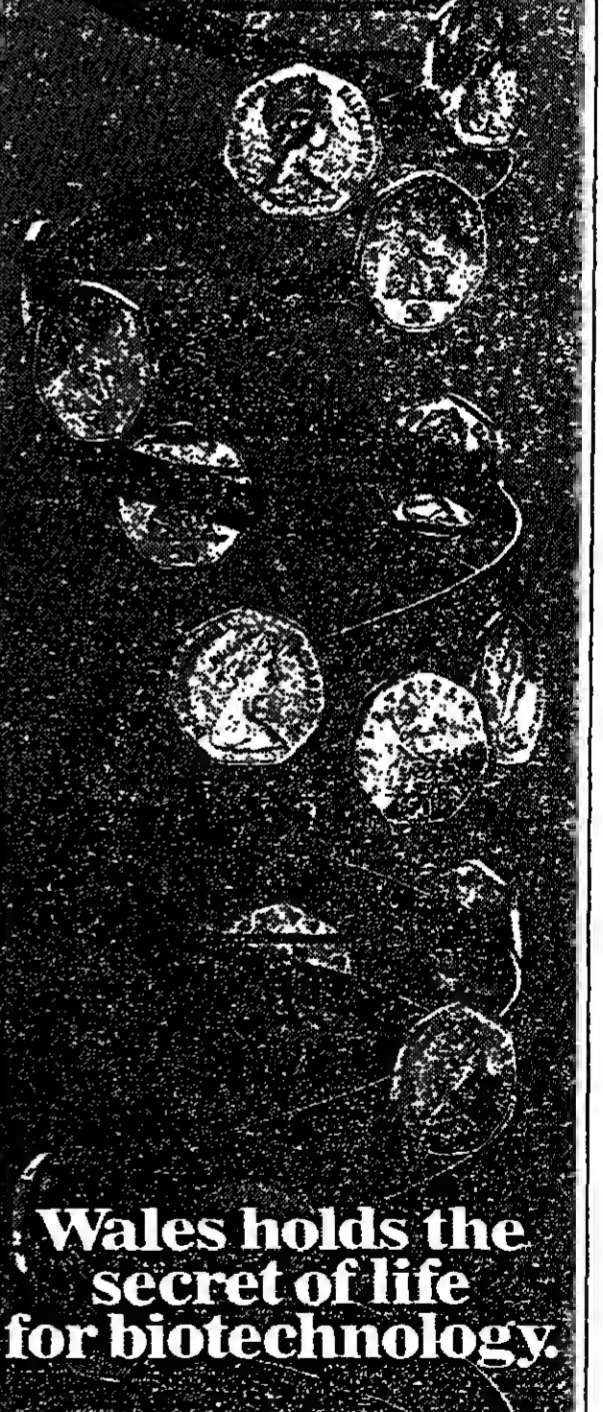
He said he later transferred them into three plant pots, Mr Samson Perera, aged 43, of Stillwell Drive, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, said the bones were specimens he had brought from his native Sri Lanka.

At Leeds Crown Court, he denies murdering his adopted daughter Nilanthie, aged 13. The prosecution alleges he hacked the girl's body into 105 pieces then hid them.

Detectives allegedly found human bones in pots at his home as well as in a coffee jar, tray and beaker at his Leeds University laboratory.

His wife Darminka, aged 37, denies assisting him by impeding his arrest, and both deny obstructing the coroner.

The trial continues.



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Ford plea for more talks rejected

LEYLAND

There was no question of the reopening of talks with Ford about a possible takeover of Austin Rover. Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, made clear in the Commons. If there are any rumours about that the went on I disown and reject them.

He was replying to Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, who drew attention to a speech in Geneva on Tuesday in which Mr Bob Lutz, chairman of Ford of Europe, said that Ford was willing to restart talks about a possible takeover of Austin Rover.

Mr Smith demanded a crystal clear guarantee that throughout the lifetime of this Government there would be no talks by it or BL on its instructions with Ford about disposal of the Austin Rover group.

Mr Channon, in a statement on British Leyland, recalled that an invitation was extended to interested parties to declare by March 31 a firm intention to make a bid for one or more of the Land Rover, Freight Rover, Leyland Trucks and related businesses.

He reported that appropriate declarations had been made to BL's bankers by Schroder Ventures on behalf of some institutions and certain members of BL management in respect of Land Rover, Range Rover and Freight Rover, by Anglo Rover and Range Rover, and by Aveling Barford in respect of Land Rover only.

General Motors had also confirmed their intention to make a bid for Land Rover, Range Rover, Freight Rover and Leyland Trucks.

The Laird Group and Aveling Barford were each in discussions with BL regarding the acquisition of Leyland Buses. It was expected that certain members of the management were also expected.

Discussions in relation to Leyland Buses were taking place over a slightly different timescale from those concerning other Land Rover-Leyland businesses. He would make a further statement to the House on these in due course.

Mr Channon continued: The BL board are giving careful consideration to all the proposals received on or before March 4 and I hope to have their recommendations shortly.

The board and the Government remain anxious to end the present uncertainty surrounding these businesses as soon as possible in the interests of the companies, management and workforce and their dealers and suppliers.

Announcing the forthcoming change in the chairmanship of BL, he said Sir Austin Bide's appointment as chairman was extended in late 1984 on the basis that he would continue as chairman until a convenient moment for his retirement was reached.

Mr Austin had agreed to remain as chairman until decisions had been made on the future of the main Land Rover-Leyland businesses. This would represent the start of a new phase in the development of BL. Mr Channon said that on his nomination, the BL board proposed to invite Mr Graham Day, present chairman of British Shipbuilders, to join the board and become joint chairman of BL at a date to be determined. He was appointing Mr Philip Hares, the present deputy chief executive and board member for finance of the corporation, to succeed Mr Day as chairman of BS.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, declared amid loud Labour cheers that as this tangled web became more complex, it was clear that the Government should never have departed from the concept of BL remaining an integrated and public sector operation.

He called on the minister to confirm that the Government approached General Motors in August 1984 and that for 18 months GM had been able to consider and negotiate their position while all other bidders had been given little more than 20 days.

Does not that indicate the asked that the Government is already predisposed to sell the lot to GM? What is the timescale? Is it correct, as widely rumoured, that the Government is imposing a timescale under which the whole operation has to be completed at the end of this month?

Given the fact that the only bidders for Leyland Trucks are GM, does not that put the Government in a hopeless situation whereby GM is able to insist on the Government that it insists on acquiring Land Rover as a condition for acquiring Leyland Trucks as well? How could any sensible Government put itself into such a hopeless bargaining position?

After this asset stripping what would the chairman of BL be called? Chairman of Austin Rover? Mr Channon said he was satisfied people had had adequate time to put in firm indicators. They would consider them carefully on their merits and there was no question of the Government making up its mind before that careful consideration had taken place.



Channon: Careful study of all bids

Mr Michael Grylls (North West Surrey, C) said BL was quite a desirable package and it was good to have several different bidders to choose from. But the Government was no longer a good owner because of the considerable sums of capital investment which would be needed to keep the organization in the international market. The Government would always have more pressing demands on the money for hospitals and schools for instance. The sooner these firms were returned to the private sector the better it would be for the firms and workers.

Mr Channon agreed. British Leyland was to a better state than it had been under Labour. Large sums of capital investment were required for some parts of BL for it to compete long term. The Government was trying to secure the long-term future of these industries in the confidence of British industrialists and companies. Why a chairman from overseas?

Mr Channon: I am surprised at his last point. Mr Day is today a British citizen who comes from Canada.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry, South East, Lab): There is overwhelming opposition by trade unionists inside Leyland and among the working people of Coventry, the Midlands and elsewhere to the appointment of a private profiteer whether American or British, of any part or of the whole of Leyland.

He also condemned the dismissal of two works convenors by British Leyland.

Mr Channon: With regret, I think I shall be unable to please Mr Nellist in the negotiation.

Mr Patrick Corneak (South Staffordshire, C): Can he give an unequivocal assurance that the Government would prefer a British solution?

Mr Channon: We want the solution which is in the best long-term interests.

Recycled grant may cut rate demands

LOCAL SPENDING

It was clear that the pool of grant to be recycled in 1986-87 was going to be some £500 million. Mrs Angela Rumbold, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a Commons statement. That meant the grant gains would be bigger than those illustrated in January and that authorities would get more grant than they had assumed.

She said the DOE had written to all authorities telling them the amount of extra grant they would receive from that amount of recycling. In addition to their grant entitlement under the RSG settlement announced in December.

Councils will now know (she said) the size of their grant entitlement more clearly and this will allow them to make a lower call on their ratepayers. Where the rate making has not been completed, she hoped MPs would argue the local authorities to revise their rating plans. Rate increases should be no higher than absolutely necessary.

Mr Jack Stew (Blackburn, Lancs, C) asked the Minister: Does she expect that any shire authority which has set its rate will change that decision and if so by how much? Yesterday's announcement and today's are so much more than a cheap and highly misleading public relations stunt by ministers panicked by high rate rises in Tory shires.

Mr Alan Roberts (Ipswich, Suffolk, C) would have liked the grace to welcome the announcement, simply because it gives local authorities a greater certainty. There is still time for shire counties to reconsider what their rate levels will be. In the light of this information we hope that those shire counties that take a pessimistic view will come back and reconsider the submissions they are making.

Mr Alan Roberts (Booth, Lab): The Government has come to the rescue of local authorities like Sefton, who had made a deficit budget and were set to do a Liverpool and break the law. This miseria amount will not make a significant difference.

Mr Rumbold: As to the authorities proposing to make a higher rate than they had hoped to make, this announcement will make all the difference to what they do and has been greatly welcomed by those very authorities.

Sovereignty still not open for negotiation

THE FALKLANDS

The British Government had taken step after step in an effort to establish more normal relations with Argentina but none of these steps had been met with a parallel response, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

He repeated the Government's refusal to negotiate on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands and stressed the importance of the wishes of the islanders themselves.

Mr William McKelvey (Kilmarnock and Loudoun, Lab) said it was about time Britain re-established full diplomatic relations with Argentina with a view to reaching an honourable settlement so that the cost of men in training in the Falklands could be reduced.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: He offers a misguidedly simple insight. We want to move towards more normal relations with Argentina. It was for that reason Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, offered to meet the Argentinian parliamentarians when they were here.

He would have explained to them that while we are unprepared to negotiate sovereignty he was prepared to hear them state their position and make clear our wish to see more normal relations. Towards that end we have taken step after step, none of which have been met by any parallel response from the other side.

Mr Alan Beit (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L): Many of us who met the Argentinians found them to be a constructive and courteous group of people. Their unwillingness to have a meeting with ministers was quite understandable because of the view that would have been taken of it on Argentina.

He is dealing with a democracy, not a dictatorship. When he was dealing with a dictatorship he was prepared to give away sovereignty. He should now be prepared at least to hear it on the agenda.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: No. There were no strings whatsoever to the offer made to meet them to explain to them we will not negotiate sovereignty. We would have listened to their statement on that.

We welcomed the restoration of democracy in Argentina. We have taken steps to support the Argentine economy and to help that democracy. But it would be quite unhelpful to offer unrealistic goals on sovereignty.

Although democracy has returned, the fact is that the invasion of the islands. It is quite unreasonable to expect us to put the clock back before the invasion as if that had not happened.

Howe welcome for move to lift emergency laws

SOUTH AFRICA

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, welcomed in the Commons a question time President Botha's announced intention to lift South Africa's state of emergency. I hope (he said) that action will help ease the tension and assist the promotion of the dialogue which is so urgently needed.

Mr Robert Libberstad (Manchester Central, Lab): Has he seen the article in today's Guardian which states that the Prime Minister has personally blocked the Bermudan government from introducing limited sanctions against South Africa even to the extent of importing Kruggerands which at present is being considered by his own Government? This smacks of double standards and a sop to apartheid.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: No. It smacks of precisely the opposite: the perfectly rational conclusion that the decision of this Government in relation to measures taken in respect of South Africa should be uniform not only in the United Kingdom but colonial territories.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South-East, Lab): Is not his attitude merely ingenuously naive? With £11,000 million of British investment in South Africa his opposition to economic sanctions has more to do with the profits of British firms being made out of apartheid.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: If it were left to him to judge these matters it would be more likely to provoke the destruction of the British and South African economies, to the disadvantage of the people living in both countries. Our balanced policy of making

Howe welcome for move to lift emergency laws

It plain that we wish to see apartheid brought quickly to an end and supporting that by policies and representations is far more likely to be effective. Sir Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C): Many of those who call for a policy of serious economic sanctions have not thought through the implications. Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP: When will he make representations against the selective ban on television reporting, something many of us find unacceptable. Has he made representations in relation to the decision to go ahead with United Nations supervised elections in Namibia in August, that they should not be linked to the withdrawal of Cuban forces? Sir Geoffrey Howe: On the first point, we have already made representations to the relevant countries. On his second point, we have welcomed the South African government's re-affirmation of its commitment to implement UN Security Council Resolution 435. If that were to be done it would offer an opportunity to make early progress and would reduce tension throughout the region. Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs: Why has the Government not taken any steps in its undertaking at the Commonwealth summit to ban the import of Kruggerands, especially since the US Administration found no difficulty with GATT in banning Kruggerands? Sir Geoffrey Howe: We are not the only country which has found it necessary to consider the GATT implications on the sale of Kruggerands.

Majority too poor to buy shares

HOUSE OF LORDS

The biggest obstacle in the way of the Government's belief in wider share ownership was that 60 per cent of the population had not got the money to buy them. Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) said during question time in the House of Lords.

However, a commission would take a long time and his personal experience showed there was no guarantee the Government would even read the report when published. Charity law had been described as a morass into which no Government would lightly tread.

With their present resources, the Charity Commissioners could not do all they would like to do. He suggested the possibility of calling in outside management to advise on whether the available resources were being employed to the best advantage and to assess how extra resources might best be used.

Need for look at law on charities

HOUSE OF LORDS

All was not well with the operation of the law on charities and there was a case for the Government to consider a wide ranging royal commission to examine it. Lord Allen of Abbeydale (Ind) suggested when opening a debate on the subject in the House of Lords.

However, a commission would take a long time and his personal experience showed there was no guarantee the Government would even read the report when published. Charity law had been described as a morass into which no Government would lightly tread.

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Freeing of Mandela would help dialogue

THE COMMONWEALTH

The unconditional release of Nelson Mandela would constitute a major act of national reconciliation in South Africa and could provide the impetus for genuine dialogue and a peaceful settlement of the conflict, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons question time.

He was replying to Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Magsley Hill, L) who asked him to take every opportunity to make clear to the South African government that the continuing incarceration of Mr Mandela was an affront to the blacks in that country. His request was a prelude to a reconciliation between black and white. Britain should instruct its ambassador to visit Mr Mandela to establish the con-

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dition of his health and well-being. Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C): The prerequisite to Mandela's release should be that he renounces violence. It is in the interests of Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, that he performs their own acts of violence in South Africa and outside. Sir Geoffrey Howe: I cannot accept (L's) conclusion, although I join him in condemning violence from any quarter. Although the ANC is clearly an important focus of black opinion in South Africa, we thought it right to establish official contact with the ANC specifically to stress our commitment to dialogue and impress on them the need to bring an end to all violence in South Africa.

Bill aims to combat salmon poaching

SALMON BILL

Angling was a multi-million pound industry with salmon angling the most sought after and often most expensive part of the angling scene. Mr John MacKay, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said when he successfully moved the second reading of the Salmon Bill in the Commons late on Tuesday night.

The Bill, which has passed the Lords, represents the first substantial proposals for salmon legislation for many years.

Its three main objectives are to modernise and improve administrative arrangements for salmon fishing in Scotland, streamline the arrangements for the regulation of salmon fisheries and further measures to combat salmon poaching.

Mr MacKay said there had been many efforts to quantify the value of salmon angling to Scotland. Figures had been put

variously at between £22 million and £140 million a year. If the true figure was somewhere in the middle that clearly indicated the importance of salmon angling to many parts of rural Scotland. Anglers would continue to come only if they felt they had a reasonable chance of catching fish, and that depended on how well salmon stocks were conserved.

One of the outcomes of rigorous scrutiny of the Bill in the Lords was the inclusion of powers which would enable the introduction of a dealer licensing scheme in England and Wales.

Poaching was no longer confined to small local operations but carried out on a large and well-organized commercial scale. The Bill's provisions would allow action to be taken against those involved with the outlets for poached salmon and should have a significant effect on the level of poaching by making it more difficult to dispose of illegally caught fish.

The Bill provided for a situation where it would no longer be the case that someone could be in possession of salmon, believing or having reason to suspect that it had been illegally taken, and not be convicted. Hitherto this had been a major gap in the enforcement of salmon legislation.

The new provisions struck the right balance, and an essential one, between improving the prospects of convicting those involved in the illegal handling of salmon without introducing measures which could lead to the conviction of innocent people.

Dealer licensing would be a valuable complement to the new possession offences. It was the intention to have detailed schemes under subordinate legislation brought forward as soon as possible after the enactment of the Bill.

There had been much ill-informed comment about the role of water bailiffs in the dealer licensing scheme, includ-

ing the suggestion that they were to be given power to enter and search dwelling houses. There was no intention of extending the public power of entry and search under the 1982 Act to water bailiffs in the context of salmon dealer licensing.

The Bill committed the Government to a review, three years after enactment of the Bill, of the salmon net fisheries in the north-east of England and the Scottish east coast salmon fishery districts as far north as the river Ugie.

Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian, Lab), for the Opposition, moved an amendment designed to give the Bill a second reading on the grounds that it would extend the powers and privileges of private proprietors of salmon fisheries without making adequate provision for anglers or for the wider public interest and that it was inappropriate and inadequate measure to deal with the urgent need to conserve salmon and other fish species and to protect

the environment of rivers and estuaries for the benefit of the whole nation's sporting, recreational and environmental interests. He said it was amazing that it should be encroaching on the powers of absentee landlords and foreign investors while doing practically nothing for local fishing interests. In presenting this Bill the Government had given itself an opportunity to bring Scottish fish water fishery legislation into the 21st century. Instead it had opted to stay in the 19th century. The concept of the private ownership of a wild fish that happened to be swimming in water adjacent to someone's estate was pretty abhorrent. There was a need for a new type of river authority with genuine representation for all people with legitimate interests. The amendment was rejected by 125 votes to 82. Government majority, 82. The Bill was read a second time.

Church unity Roman authorities in new move on Anglican Orders

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Roman Catholic Church announces today that it may soon be ready for an important step towards unity with the Anglican Church, depending on the outcome of the present stage of inter-church negotiations.

It would entail recognition in principle of the validity of Anglican Holy Orders and, therefore, accepting that Anglican priests were priests in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church.

Refusal of that recognition is one of the biggest problems in the relationship between the two churches, and has always been deeply resented in the Church of England.

Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, head of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, has told the two chairmen of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission that this possibility would exist if both churches endorsed the two key doctrinal statements the commission has produced.

His carefully worded letter to the chairmen, the Bishop of Kensington, the Right Rev Mark Santer, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, the Right Rev



A gallant act for the Princess of Wales as a man in the crowd kisses her hand during her visit to the Dr Barnardo's family day centre in Hull yesterday.

BBC plans breakfast TV changes

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC is to relaunch its early morning programme *Breakfast Time* in October as *Part of Plans* for a daytime television service.

The programme, which won an audience lead over TV-am when the two were launched in 1983 but for the last year has come second in the ratings, will be given a "harder edge". It will concentrate more specifically on the day's news

Ship hire frauds hit owners

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Ship owners are losing millions of pounds through fraud and malpractice from charterers who hire ships then refuse to pay for them, the British Shipbuilders Association says.

British owners have suffered badly and some have been driven out of business by bad debts.

The problem is international, however, with Japan, the US and Italy particularly trouble areas as depressed freight markets, in which ship owners are desperate for work, prove happy hunting grounds for charterers to engage a ship for moving their cargo, then refuse to pay the ship owner his proper costs.

The problem was described yesterday by Interargo, the London-based association of world-wide ship owners, as "endemic proportions".

Often the claims and counter claims become so complicated that the ship owner concludes that the legal costs of fighting the case would be more than the eventual compensation. He settles for less to get anything at all.

Crooked charterers are often difficult to detect in brokers' lists. When detected as persistent offenders, they tend to vanish and reappear under another name.

Scots fear Spanish fishermen

By George Hill

Spain's entry to the European Community is likely to create a need for greater fishery protection vigilance in British waters, the Commons Scottish Affairs Committee said yesterday.

Spain's accession reinforces the need for prompt replacement of an ageing fishery protection ship and for Scottish courts to impose heavier fines on offenders, a committee report says, quoting the Scottish fisheries department as alleging that Spanish vessels were "notorious law-breakers".

It said Norwegian courts impose fines of £30,000 or more, while the highest penalty imposed by a Scottish court between 1980 and 1984 was £18,000.

The Scottish Fishermen's Federation is afraid that Spain's accession might lead to an increase in fishing with the same licences, it being handed over in mid-passages.

The report calls for minifilament net, which is almost invisible in use, to be banned in all United Kingdom coastal and EEC waters, and urges investigation into legally protecting lobster.

Fisheries Protection. Second report from the Scottish Affairs Committee (HOC 2371, Stationery Office £3 50).

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Philippines Communist leaders released as President keeps her promise

Aquino frees four hardened killers

From Michael Hamlyn, Manila

Four hardened killers, leaders of a bitter Communist insurgency, were released last night by the new Government of Mrs Corason Aquino to fulfil her campaign promise that all political prisoners of the Marcos regime should be freed.

The four were each released into the custody of prominent citizens, including the President's mother-in-law, so that they would not "disappear" as soon as the freedom order was given.

Nevertheless, the instruction was the subject of what the President's spokesman, Mr René Saguisag, called "a vigorous exchange of views" between himself, a former human rights lawyer, and the minister in charge of the Commission for Good Government, on the one side, and the Minister of Defence, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, and the former chief of staff, General Fidel Ramos, on the other.

The two on the military side said that the release of the detainees would increase the difficulties of dealing with Communist insurgency, and that the armed forces would be discouraged because they

would not feel there was any further point in working for the capture of the rebels.

The civilian side insisted that the campaign promise was a pledge that must be redeemed, and that the release was the best way of dealing with insurgency. The insurgents had taken to the hills because of their unresolved grievances against the Marcos regime. Mr Saguisag said: they had no quarrel with the new regime. "In 1965, when Mr Marcos took power, there were no rebels at all," he said. "However many there are now is entirely due to Mr Marcos's rule."

More than 500 detainees have been freed. Any remaining in jail have been convicted of some criminal charge, but even they will be freed soon, Mr Saguisag said, if it can be shown that their crimes have a political content.

The four released yesterday were Mr Jose Maria Sison, chairman of the central committee of the banned Communist Party; Mr Bernabe Buscayno, also known as Commander Dante, commander-in-chief of the Communist-led New People's

Army; and Mr Alexander Birondo and Mr Ruben Alegre, respectively the head and a member of the special operations department of the NPA.

Immediately after release they were due to see the President to try to start the dialogue with the rebels Mrs Aquino has offered. She has also called for a six-month ceasefire.

The fact that not all of the NPA is happy with the new deal was indicated this week by a vicious attack on a police party by rebel forces in which 15 security men died. Other killings continue to be attributed to them — not always with justification.

But there are still huge arsenals of weapons in the hands of individual politicians, many of whom are former Marcos men. Before the events of February observers had noted an increase in the number of political scores being settled by gun-play after the election, as disappointed Marcos men evened the tally by killing their opponents. During the "people power" revolution that brought Mrs Aquino to power, when un-



Cardinal Sin of the Philippines, pictured on his arrival at the Filipino College in Rome yesterday. He is due to meet the Pope.

armed civilians confronted guns and tanks, the killings stopped.

However, the feeling now is that they will shortly start again, particularly since the new order is cutting away at the sources of power of the old by arbitrarily sacking provincial governors and municipal mayors. It is replacing them with school masters and lawyers, who mainly do not even belong to the Unido party of the Vice-President, Mr Salvador Laurel, who is a political

leader of a style that the old guard could recognize. Rather, they are members of the Philippine Democratic Party wing of the governing coalition, led by the Local Government Minister, Mr Aquilino Pimentel. Mr Pimentel is in some sense the Sir Keith Joseph of the new government — the chief theoretician and most single-minded executor of policies.

The extent of the arms being stored is indicated by those being seized from Marcos

leaders who have fled the country. Mr Eduardo Cojuangco, for example a kinsman of the former president, whose premises were raided at the weekend, was shown to have hidden a Japanese machine gun, a Thompson sub machine gun, a machine carbine, a rifle and 30 sniper rifles, four bullet-proof vests and ammunition.

And this society is not afraid to use guns in the defence of the most minor concerns. Yesterday

ample, it was reported that a company of soldiers stormed into a Quezon City police station with a machine gun and automatic rifles and released two colleagues who had been taken in for shooting at beer bottles floating in a hotel swimming pool.

On the same day one man killed another over the ownership of a pair of socks, and a robbery victim was shot dead in broad daylight in a busy part of the capital.

Split in right may aid Nato vote

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Signs of a break in the ranks of Spain's opposition parties emerged yesterday which could help Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, to win next week's Nato referendum.

A conservative woman MP told Señor Manuel Fraga, the right-wing Opposition leader, that "the issue is too serious for party politics."

Defying party instructions to abstain, Señora Victoria Fernandez-España, publicly announced that she would be voting "Yes" alongside the Socialists for staying in the Atlantic Alliance.

She alone among the 106 MPs led by Señor Fraga cut through the Opposition's tactics aimed at using the referendum to inflict maximum political damage on Señor González.

Señor José Ardanza, Chief Minister of the Basque autonomous government and a leader of the small Basque Nationalist Party, said yesterday he would also vote "Yes". Señora Fernandez-España indicated yesterday that she would resign from Señor Fraga's party. "I could not carry on in a party which asks its 200,000 members to abstain", she said.

Harare rethink on Mozambique war

From Jan Raath, Harare

Zimbabwe's Cabinet has met to consider its decision to assist the Government of Mozambique in its war against South African-backed guerrillas after a big military let-down.

It was revealed last week that a costly but successful assault on the Casa Banana headquarters of the Mozambique National Resistance by commandos of the Zimbabwe National Army, had been rendered futile by Mozambique troops. The troops, left to defend the headquarters, which was taken in September, fled in disarray in mid-February abandoning an extensive array of Zimbabwean weaponry in the face of a counter-offensive by some 400 guerrillas.

Journalists at Chimoloko, the headquarters of the estimated 3,000 Zimbabwean forces in Mozambique, were told last week that the morale of the Mozambique troops at Casa Banana was extremely low

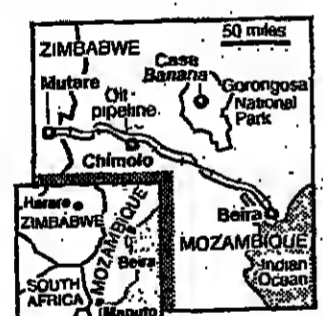
and that they had received no supplies for three weeks.

The loss of the headquarters has prompted Zimbabwe to rethink the Mozambique offensive. Mr Ernest Kadungure, the Minister of State for Defence, was to report to the Cabinet on incidents which military sources say undermine the Mozambique Army's ineptitude as a fighting force and its complete lack of back-up to the Zimbabweans.

The description of the offensive against the guerrillas as a "joint operation" is evidently used solely for protocol purposes.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister who is also chairman of the Zimbabwe security forces' National Joint Operational Command, and the Minister of Defence, will have to decide whether to tell the government of Mr Samora Machel, which suffered acute distress during Zimbabwe's liberation war in its support for anti-Rhodesian guerrillas, that there is little sense in continuing to fight on its behalf.

Losses suffered by the joint forces on the present eight-month offensive have not been disclosed but they are not believed to be heavy, apart from the death in January of the highly respected commander of the Mozambique operation. However, diplomatic sources estimate the operation is costing possibly £450,000 a day.



What kept Britain going in the coldest month?



Tamil rebels kidnap village leaders

Colombo (Reuter) — Tamil separatist guerrillas have kidnapped about 100 village officials in Sri Lanka's northern city of Jaffna.

Residents said the officials, known as Grama Sevakas, were walking to Jaffna Fort, the military base, to meet the northern security force's commander when guerrillas forced them into vans and drove them away.

No reason was given for the abductions but the residents said the guerrillas, fighting for a separate state for Sri Lanka's minority Tamil community, opposed any dialogue between the officials, who were all Tamils, and the military authorities.

Spectators die as rally car skids off road

Estoril (Reuter) — The opening run in the Portuguese Motor Rally was cancelled yesterday after two spectators were killed and about 30 injured when a car skidded into the crowd at a sharp bend.

The rally was to start again later in the day from the Estoril autodrome near Lisbon. Officials said the 95-mile opening section would be dropped and contestants would begin the second section of the first stage.

A woman aged 36 and her son aged nine were killed by the car driven by Joaquim Santos of Portugal. Police said spectators spilling on to the road had apparently caused Santos to lose control. He was unhurt.

Spacecraft poised to probe comet's secrets

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Pictures received from Vega 1, the first of four spacecraft heading for Halley's Comet, are being analysed by Soviet scientists.

The photographs were scrutinized in gathering excitement in Russia and Western Europe as one of the most ambitious experiments in space astronomy approached its climax.

Vega 1 makes its fly-by of the comet today at a distance of 6,000 to 8,000 miles. Next Thursday the European Giotto craft, built by British Aerospace, will travel through the object's tail to relay pictures and measurements back to Earth from within 300 miles of the mysterious nucleus.

The Russians will obtain a second set of observations from Vega 2 on Saturday, on a flight planned to skirt the comet even more closely. That flight will have a companion — a Japanese craft which will

make observations as it passes within 60,000 miles.

Under an agreement between the Soviet Academy of Sciences and the European Space Agency for exchange of data, the two Vega craft are providing pathfinder information. Before Giotto makes its rendezvous at midnight on March 13, the first vehicles arriving this week should tell the European scientists more precisely when their craft will feel the shock of the comet and begin to encounter bombardment from particles.

The latest photographs show there are four tails trailing behind the comet. Only two had been seen before.

Astronomers are excited about the prospect of obtaining detailed analyses of the tails and nucleus as comets are believed to comprise the oldest undisturbed material of the solar system.

it is reported that the February which we've just endured was the second coldest this century.

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Sweden prepares for Prime Minister's funeral Police work late on photofit of assassin

From Christopher Mossey, Stockholm

Stockholm police were working late into the night yesterday to build a picture of the face of the man who assassinated Mr Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister.

They were working with what was claimed to be the world's most sophisticated photofit machine flown in earlier yesterday from Weisbaden in West Germany. They hoped to build the picture from various descriptions and a sketch drawn by an artist with a memory for faces who had seen the fleeing man.

A copy of the woman's sketch has been sent to West Germany for checking against pictures of local terrorists as suspicions hardened that the murder may have been carried out by the Red Army Faction, successors to the Baader Meinhof gang which blew up the West German embassy in Stockholm in 1975.

A second description being used to help build the photofit is that given by Mr Palme's son, Marten, aged 27, of a man in a cap who followed his father on the night of the murder.

Mr Claes Palme, a lawyer and brother to the dead Swedish leader, said Marten saw the man when he came out of the cinema where he and his parents had been watching a film.

The man wore a cap similar to that described by other witnesses as being worn by the assassin. He was staring into a shop window.

"Marten wasn't particularly surprised. He has, of course, seen the same sort of thing before. There were many people who became curious when they saw Olof and who followed him just to get a closer

look at him," the lawyer said.

The getaway car used by the assassin is now thought to have been a blue Volkswagen Passat.

The owners of 20 such cars, with number plates similar to that noted by a taxi driver of a speeding car heading north from the central city area, have been interviewed by police. Another 10 are still to be located.

The getaway vehicle had stood with its engine running waiting for the assassin.

But with police still a long way from making an arrest, massive security was yesterday being arranged for Mr Palme's funeral.

Many world leaders and prominent statesmen are expected to attend a memorial service in Stockholm Town Hall on March 15, at which Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the next Swedish Prime Minister, will be the main speaker.

Afterwards Mr Palme's body will be carried in procession through the streets of Stockholm for burial in a churchyard a few hundred yards from the spot where he was shot down last Friday at the age of 59 by a single shot in the back.

Thousands of Swedes are expected to follow the coffin but the final burial in Adolf Fredrik's church—close to the grave of Mr Hjalmar Branting, Sweden's first socialist prime minister—will be a private affair attended only by Mr Palme's widow, Lisbet, aged 54, their three sons, other family and close friends.

Yesterday there were intense discussions between members of the Social Democratic Party elite, who are arranging the funeral, and

Sapo, the Swedish secret police, who are in charge of security.

Mr Bo Thresson, the party's secretary general, said one of the reasons why the funeral had been scheduled so long after the assassination was that it enabled security to be carefully planned. Another was that it would enable Mr Carlsson to be officially sworn in before the ceremony.

He said security at both the Town Hall and along the route of the cortege would be extremely tight. Sources close to Sapo said sharpshooters would be stationed in flats and offices along the way. Extra police would be drafted into the capital and the route would be carefully checked in advance by explosives experts.

Finland's singing star Arja Saijonmaa will sing a tribute to Mr Palme during the public service.

The post-mortem on Mr Palme revealed that the assassin's bullet passed through his body between the shoulder blades, smashing his backbone, aorta and windpipe. It was later found on the pavement close to the spot where he died.

Those who have confirmed they will be attending the funeral include Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General of the United Nations, and Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German Chancellor, who will speak at the Town Hall service.

Herr Fred Sinowitz, the Austrian Chancellor, will attend along with his predecessor Herr Bruno Kreisky, a close friend of Mr Palme after his years of exile in Sweden during the war.



Dr Waldheim answering questions on American television yesterday about his wartime career.

Waldheim denies Holocaust role

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1972 to 1982, told journalists in Vienna yesterday that allegations he had been involved with Nazi atrocities during the war were a "dirty campaign".

Dr Waldheim is hoping to be elected Austria's president in the forthcoming election. Until this week's accusations by the World Jewish Congress in New York, detailing his membership of the Nazi Party, opinion polls gave him the edge over his opponents.

Although he has now admitted suppressing information about his wartime career, he vehemently denies knowing anything about either the transportation of 42,830 Jews from Salonika to Auschwitz or the wiping out of several villages in Montenegro during reprisals for partisan attacks. According to the congress, Dr Waldheim served with units involved in the acts.

The fact that Dr Waldheim has consistently covered up his activities as a staff officer in the Wehrmacht during the Balkan offensive—he writes in his recent autobiography, *In the Eye of the Storm*, that he was a law student in Vienna at the time—has severely dented his image. Election posters have portrayed him as the benign, friendly Austrian "work-trustee".

Members of the Austrian opposition conservative People's Party, which is supporting Dr Waldheim's candidature, closed ranks behind him yesterday and said they continued to have full confidence in him as a suitable head of state.

Dr Alois Mock, leader of the opposition, described the evidence of the congress as a "monstrosity". The report in *The New York Times*, he observed, could not be said to be purely coincidental. Other conservative politicians referred to the reports as a "campaign of lies" and pointed to the fact that Austria's military records showed that Dr Waldheim's father had been stripped of his teaching

post when the Nazis took over Austria in 1938.

Dr Waldheim has said that his behaviour during this period was dictated by the need to defend his family from political harassment.

He denies even being aware of his membership of the paramilitary SA (Sturmabteilung) or "brownshirts", despite the documentary evidence of the World Jewish Congress.

After serving as a *cornet* (ensign) in an Austrian dragon regiment, Dr Waldheim joined a riding club in Vienna which, after 1938, was run by SA staff but whose members, say Dr Waldheim's aides, did not have to be part of that organization.

A spokesman for Dr Waldheim said yesterday that after Hitler took over Austria, anyone who had cavalry training and wanted to continue riding in an organization run either by the SS or SA.

More damaging is the publication of this week of wartime photographs showing Dr Waldheim in the uniform of a Wehrmacht officer talking to General Artur Phleps, commander of the seventh SS volunteer division in Montenegro. According to the records of the Yugoslav war-time commission, this division was responsible for some of the most brutal reprisals against civilians.

Dr Waldheim has admitted that while serving in the Balkans he was presented by the Nazi puppet state of Croatia with the Order of the Crown of King Zvonimir with silver oak leaves, indicating that it was earned under enemy fire.

Dr Waldheim said that these decorations were given to all staff officers serving in the Balkans.

Polish aid

Bangkok (Reuters)—Poland is to help restore and conserve the ancient Cambodian temple complex of Angkor Wat, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

Kremlin economic expert presents radical blueprint

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Professor Abel Aganbegyan, a chief architect of Moscow's radical new 15-year economic programme, emerged from the Kremlin shafts yesterday to brief Western correspondents on the way in which it will change the face of the Soviet Union.

Among controversial experiments which he said would soon be expanded would be a new system of piece self-financing factories that can make investment decisions independent of the centralized planning mechanism; and a series of plans to link the take-home pay of various categories of Soviet worker directly to performance.

Professor Aganbegyan also expressed strong opposition to the present system whereby the prices of staple products, such as bread, milk and meat, are heavily subsidized. His remarks were seen as an indication that these might be removed soon.

The Armenian-born economist was transferred to Moscow recently from a Siberian think-tank on Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's orders. He is regarded by diplomats as the single most influential economic thinker behind the Soviet leader's drive to modernize the country. He has rarely agreed to meet the foreign press.

He denied that the economic blueprint—approved unanimously yesterday by the 27th Communist Party Congress—would cause unemployment, although it states specifically that the jobs of 20 million manual workers will disappear by the turn of the century.

"It is true that a proportion of the 20 million, in fact about 5 million, will have to undergo a process of retraining in new skills," he said. "But we already have a whole system functioning to that end."

He claimed that most of those being made redundant were approaching retirement age in routine jobs, often on production lines. Improved secondary education, meant that there was a shortage of Russians prepared to take on that kind of work.

He cited three socialist

countries whose experience could be useful to Moscow: East Germany, Bulgaria and Hungary. The latter caused surprise since the tone of the congress has been very much against experiments smacking of private enterprise.

Professor Aganbegyan emphasized the need to "democratize" the unwieldy and ailing Soviet economy by giving more power to individual workers, collectives and fast-expanding regional experiments, where a form of profit-sharing provides an incentive for individuals to work harder and better.

This is in sharp contrast to the traditional working of the rigid Soviet economy, where wages are generally determined in advance by the national plan, and there are few, if any, material incentives for extra work.

Areas where this type of system might be introduced soon were taxi co-operatives, television, repairs, public services and small retail outlets. "I believe that this has to be developed," he said.

The reforms were particularly far-reaching in agriculture, he said. All Soviet farms would be free to dispose of food production, in excess of a quota set aside for the state, in any way they chose.

● Congress climax: The congress reaches its climax today when the new Central Committee is announced. It will, in turn, select the Politburo to run the country for the next five years.

Senior Soviet sources said last night that the appointments would further consolidate the Mr Gorbachev's position.

Western observers predict a turnover of 50 per cent or more in the 319-member Central Committee. A number of senior officials already dismissed by Mr Gorbachev will automatically lose the membership of the elite body that went with their jobs.

The congress will also appoint a new Central Committee secretariat, another important centre of Soviet power, with between nine and 11 members.

Last call at Port Stanley brewery

Port Stanley (Reuters)—The only brewery in the Falklands has gone into liquidation because of lack of demand.

Mr Harry Milne, the director, said it was established soon after Britain reclaimed the islands after the 1982 Argentine invasion.

"Lack of support from British servicemen, contractors and the general public caused the failure." At its peak, the brewery was producing 150 gallons of "Penguin beer" a week. "We couldn't break into the military market," the former manager, Mr Philip Middleton, said.

Sirhan Sirhan acted alone

Los Angeles (Reuters)—Los Angeles police released a 1,500-page summary of their investigation into the 1968 murder of Senator Robert Kennedy in which they ruled out theories of a conspiracy.

The summary, released 17 years after the investigation was completed, concluded that Sirhan Sirhan acted alone.

Pastures new

Peking (UPI)—Some 35,000 shepherds stranded by blizzards on mountain grazing grounds in China's remote north-western Qinghai Province have been rescued.

Xinhua News Agency said, at least a million cattle and sheep died in the blizzards.

Heavy guard

Delhi (UPI)—A female elephant has been placed on guard duty outside a Hindu temple in Thanjavur, southern India, to protect a shop inside the shrine and the shoes of worshippers visiting the temple from thieves.

Prisoner spree

Bethesda, Maryland (UPI)—Prisoners on a road gang in suburban Washington were caught going "over the fence" to burglar homes and to meet girlfriends for lunch.

Refugee shot

Torup, Denmark (Reuters)—A Danish policeman shot dead a Lebanese refugee who barricaded himself in a room at a centre for people seeking asylum after reportedly attempting to commit suicide and lunging at other inmates with a knife.

Mail mummy

Munich (Reuters)—An ancient Inca mummy was posted to the West German magazine *Bunte* in a cardboard box, along with a plea to ease poverty in Peru.

Missile test

Paris (AP)—France successfully carried out the first long-range test firing of its submarine M4 missile with a new multiple nuclear warhead, the Defence Ministry said here.

Card fraud

Milan (AFP)—Two men defrauded a bank of 400 million lire (£18,000) by filming customers using an automatic cash machine, collecting the discarded advice notices and then transferring the information on to blank bank cards.

Driver's rage

Cape Town (Reuters)—A South African motorist who bit off a traffic policeman's ear in a fit of rage was sentenced to 600 hours of periodic imprisonment and fined for negligent driving.

Losing streak

Reno, Nevada (Reuters)—A US district judge rejected a \$10,000 (£6,600) damages suit brought by a former casino employee. Miss Nancy Mannikko, aged 37, who said she was denied promotion because she was not pretty enough.

Shared luck

Seattle (UPI)—Philip Agne, aged 14, who is suffering from a heart defect, won half of Washington state's record \$8.5 million (£5.6 million) Lotto jackpot.

Rock tragedy

Winter Park, Florida (UPI)—Richard Manuel, pianist of the rock group The Band, died in a motel bathroom hours after performing with the group.

Guru arrested

Aghos Nicosias Crete (AP)—Bhagwan Shree Rajinosh, the Indian guru of a sect from the US in November, was arrested at a villa here. He is to be expelled, police said.

Climber saved

Hood River, Oregon (UPI)—Mr David Schermer, aged 36, who lay with a broken leg for two days beside the body of his wife on Mount Hood after they fell 200ft down a glacier while climbing, was rescued by helicopter.

Doubts on lifting Pretoria curbs

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The announcement by President Botha that he intends to lift the state of emergency in force in parts of South Africa, probably from today, has left unanswered many key questions about how the Government proposes to handle internal security thereafter.

The Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel, told *The Times* that the special restrictions on television and press coverage imposed on November 2 would lapse automatically with the ending of the emergency.

"There is only one way that we can maintain those restrictions and that is in terms of the emergency. It follows, therefore, that when the emergency is lifted, the restrictions will automatically fall away," Mr Nel said.

However, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, was reported by the political correspondent of *The Star* of Johannesburg, as saying that curbs on media coverage would not automatically be removed.

He was also reported to have said that the lifting of the emergency would not necessarily mean that people detained under its provisions would be released, nor that police and troops would immediately be withdrawn from black townships.

The press curbs imposed on November 2 prohibit the taking of any television or other films, or sound recordings, of unrest in those magisterial districts where the emergency is in force without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

The restraints on writing journalists are less severe. They can still engage in on-the-spot reporting of unrest in emergency areas, but have to report to the local police officer in charge.

Legally, these particular restrictions will have to lapse with the ending of the emergency since they form part of it. But the police have wide powers of discretion, under other legislation, to prevent television and stills photographers from being allowed into any area they consider a threat to security.

These are the powers to which Mr Le Grange appears to be referring. It thus remains to be seen how the police will use them after the emergency is ended. On the face of it, however, television coverage of unrest should become easier.

There is a similar haziness about the future of the estimated 330 people who are still being detained under the emergency provisions. Over the whole period since the emergency was imposed on July 21 of last year, about 7,800 people have at some time been detained.

A senior police officer in Pretoria, Colonel Jaap Venter, said that although the 330 could no longer be held under the emergency law once it was lifted, they could be re-arrested and held under other permanent security legislation.

The general reaction to the President's announcement has been reasonably favourable from white liberal groups and the business community, although there is concern about Mr Botha's reference to possible stiffening of other laws to enable the police to combat unrest.

Black political organizations have on the whole reacted with scepticism, if not indifference. They say that the lifting of the emergency will have no meaning unless all troops and police are removed from the townships and all detainees and political prisoners are released.

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Top CIA official resigns

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr John McMahon, the Deputy Director of the CIA, has resigned amid reports that he strongly opposed CIA involvement in Nicaragua and the extension of covert operations in the Third World.

President Reagan quickly appointed Mr Robert Gates, the Deputy Director for Intelligence, to replace him.

Mr McMahon said that he was resigning for "personal reasons" after 34 years with the agency.

He said he had reached a stage when he had to move on, and he would leave on March 29.

Administration sources, however, said that he decided to quit after disagreement with a decision last week to step up four paramilitary operations significantly. It is assumed that these were in countries where Mr Reagan had promised increased aid to insurgents—Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Angola and Cambodia.

Mr McMahon was known particularly to have questioned US involvement with anti-Communist guerrillas in Nicaragua and Afghanistan.

He opposed increased US involvement in the Third World because he believed it could not be sustained politically at home over a long period.

He wrote a classified memorandum to President Carter in 1980 arguing against covert support for Afghan rebels, and he has since taken a similar position over Nicaragua.

He recently lost an attempt to prevent Mr Reagan requesting an unprecedented \$70 million (£50 million) in military aid to strengthen the fighting potential of the Contras.

He is also said to oppose the growing role of the Pentagon in developing paramilitary capabilities for covert operations.

A proposal is now circulating in Congress to establish a \$500 million "freedom fighter" fund under the control of Mr Richard Perle, the Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Policy.

No record of US aid to Contras

From Michael Binyon

Government auditors told the US Congress yesterday there were no real records showing that millions of dollars in aid to Nicaraguan rebels had actually been delivered.

Their report is likely to strengthen the opposition of many congressmen to President Reagan's proposal to give another \$100 million in military and other aid to the Contras.

Mr Frank Conahan, the director of the General Accounting Office's international affairs division, said in testimony that the State Department's audit controls "cannot verify actual delivery or receipt of items in the field."

The office was unable to assure Congress of delivery when it approved \$27 million in aid last autumn.

Mr Conahan said \$7.1 million spent in Central America was usually made to a Miami bank account, one of several brokers, but there was no audited record showing payment to suppliers or records of shipments to resistance forces.

'Mr Clean' crushes scandal

From Christopher Thomas, New York

The ever popular, ruthless and frequently obnoxious Mayor Edward Koch of New York has so far crushed every attempt by political opponents to exploit a deepening corruption scandal within his government.

He presents himself convincingly as a man pained and outraged by the worsening revelations. He has dumped in public an old-time friend, handing him a crook who should be exposed. "If a guy could be raped, that's the way I feel. A friend took advantage of me," he said.

The friend, Mr Donald Mannes, not recently President of the New York borough of Queens, is implicated in the biggest scandal in the eight years of the Koch administration. Federal investigators are still digging into several aspects of New York's government, and as they do so the pace of resignations by public officials increases.

Mayor Koch is perceived as "squeaky clean" when it comes to fraud. Nobody has ever pinned a shady deal on him. In the midst of his crisis he is demonstrating what a political phenomenon he is. Hardly a New Yorker thinks he is corrupt, and no political opponent would dare suggest so.

The storm centres on the Parking Violations Bureau,



which collects parking fines. It seems to have become a massive racketeering enterprise dealing in private profiteering of the city's business.

Federal investigators say that private collection companies have given hundreds of thousands of dollars to individuals within the bureau in return for lucrative contracts for the collection of millions of dollars in overdue fines.

Mr Geoffrey Lindener, a former deputy director of the bureau, has been accused of extorting more than \$410,000 (about £280,000) in cash, trips and theatre tickets from three private collection contractors. He has pleaded not guilty.

As for Mr Mannes, he has locked himself away at home after police found him careen-

ing through New York in his car, incoherent and dripping blood from self-inflicted knife wounds. He later had a heart attack.

Mayor Koch professes an intense distaste for political patronage. And yet the Parking Violations Bureau draws its top officials invariably from the Queens Democratic Party, which Mr Mannes led until his recent resignation. That, it seems, is how he came to have a hand in the alleged scandal. One city collection company has claimed that he extorted \$36,000.

The affair is likely to spread to other city agencies using private companies to collect money. The FBI and the US Attorney's Office in Manhattan are conducting extensive inquiries and Mayor Koch, too, has appointed his own investigation into all city contracts with collection agencies.

Officials of the Department of Justice have little doubt that there is an intimate link between payoffs involving the Parking Violations Bureau and senior Queens Democratic Party officials.

With a touch of the old political magic, Mr Koch has proposed new rules to make it harder for politically-connected people to do business with the city. If anything, scandal is serving to reinforce his reputation as New York's Mr Clean.

Seized Britons named

Two more Britons were among hostages captured by UNITA rebels in north-eastern Angola at the weekend. The total number captured is now believed to be more than 170, by far the largest group of expatriates taken hostage there (Richard Dowden writes).

The two Britons, Mr John Sutherland, aged 42, and Mr Terence Richards, aged 44, are both married with children. They bring the number of Britons captured at the diamond mining centre of Andrada to four.

Mr Marcos Samondo, the UNITA representative in London, was summoned to the Foreign Office on Tuesday and told that the Britons should be released unharmed and without conditions as soon as possible.

Israel blamed for Arab terrorism

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel is to blame for Arab terrorism, the virtual collapse of the Middle East peace process—in a nutshell, that was the message conveyed by Mr Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian Foreign Minister, at a press conference yesterday, and during a talk entitled "Who is the Obstacle to Peace in the Middle East?" at the Royal Institute of International Affairs on Tuesday evening.

Mr al-Sharaa has been in London at the invitation of the Government for talks with Mrs Thatcher. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and other senior officials.

Given that Britain has few economic, political, or historical ties with Damascus, the fact that he was received at such a high level indicates that Britain recognizes Syria's role as a key player in the Middle East, even if London and Damascus disagree about the origins of, and solutions to, the Arab-Israeli problem.

At yesterday's press conference, Mr al-Sharaa neatly sidestepped questions about his country's association with the Abu Nidal organization, the perpetrators of some of the most bloody acts of terrorism in recent months.

Syria, he said, was against terrorism. Its heart bled every time civilians were killed. But he said it was important to go back to the roots of the Palestine problem.

Mr al-Sharaa pledged Syria's full support in seeking the release of Mr Alec Collett, a British journalist who has been held hostage in Lebanon for the past year, and of American and French hostages also being held in Lebanon. Leading article, page 11

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Japan ready to sell its rail network and hand over huge debts

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan has embarked on its most far-reaching reform since the war with the Cabinet approving the de-nationalization of the railways.

The six passenger companies will be established in the northern island of Hokkaido, with individual ones for east and west Japan, central Japan and the islands of Shikoku and Kyushu.

De-nationalization will also split the 220,000-strong national railway workers' union which has been a mainstay of support for the communist and socialist parties.

Hong Kong fears poll down-played

Hong Kong (Reuters) - About 1.4 million voters go to the polls today amid concern that the British administration is playing down the election in the face of China's opposition to political reform before it takes over in 1997.

Indirect elections for the Legislative Council, the local legislature. Legislators have confirmed that government officials appealed for a high turnout in previous polls but the issue was now sensitive.

Duarte is ready to see rebels

San Salvador (AP) - President Duarte says that El Salvador and Nicaragua should hold simultaneous, though separate, talks with their rebel movements because their conflicts affect all of Central America.

He said on Tuesday that his proposal would go to President Ortega of leftist-ruled Nicaragua through Foreign Ministry channels, and that he was ready to talk at any time.

President Duarte proposed that he should meet the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and its political arm, the Democratic Revolutionary Front, in El Salvador, and that President Ortega should in Nicaragua meet the United Nicaraguan Union and other Contra rebel groups trying to oust the Sandinista Government.

"I believe in Central America there is a co-ordinating of effects," he said. "What happens in one country affects another."

"This is a plan of peace, not war," he said, adding that two rounds of talks he had with Salvadorean leftists in 1984 could not solve the Central American problem.

"Those talks were from a Salvadorean point of view," he said. "What I am proposing is from a Central American point of view." He called the proposal an alternative to the military approach now being taken.

Leftist guerrillas have been fighting US-backed governments in El Salvador for six years, and the Sandinistas have been confronted by the US, for four years.

President Ortega was in Cuba on a 10-day visit, and there was no immediate response from Nicaragua.

General strike call in Dhaka

From Ahmed Fazi Dhaka

The 23 leading Bangladesh opposition parties have called for a half-day general strike on Saturday to protest against parliamentary elections on April 26 announced by the military Government.

The protest clashes with the arrival of China's President Li Xiannian and his wife, who are due in Dhaka on Saturday on a four-day state visit.

The strike, from 6am local time to noon, is expected to bring life to a standstill in Dhaka, the capital, and other big cities. Spokesmen for the opposition said that the strike would be peaceful, but warned that there would be picketing if the authorities tried to force vehicles on to the streets.

Opposition sources said that they have planned road-blocks to paralyse transport, and would halt train services and flights.

Chinese diplomatic sources here said that they are worried by the strike's consequences for President Li's visit, the first by any Chinese head of state to Bangladesh since its independence in 1971.

A government official said that President Li would arrive after the protest had ended, but would not say if timing had been changed to avoid pickets.

Mrs Sheikh Hasina Wazed, chief of the 15-party alliance, backed the strike call at a meeting with alliance members on Tuesday. "The protest strike will show to the world that the people have rejected the Army-supervised elections," Mrs Wazed said at her Awami League party office.

Seoul petition started

Seoul (Reuters) - The South Korean dissident, Mr Kim Dae Jung, said yesterday that an opposition petition campaign for election reforms was expected to gather a million signatures by the end of the month.

More than 300 Protestant priests, lawyers, artists and dissidents have defied a government ban on the campaign and are urging direct presidential elections instead of by an electoral college.

A Roman Catholic civil rights group has said that it supports the opposition campaign. Hundreds of opposi-

Bare breasts protest on royal tour

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

The fashion in the Antipodes for baring parts of the anatomy to royalty found a new form of expression yesterday when a woman exposed her breasts to the Queen near the Sydney Opera House.

The latest incidents affecting the royal tour appear to be a form of attention-grabbing in the wake of the bottom-baring protests during last week's New Zealand visit. Three people have been arrested since the Queen arrived in Sydney on Tuesday; nine were held in New Zealand.

It was a sweltering hot day here yesterday, although that presumably had nothing to do with the woman's conduct as the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh prepared to board a launch for a harbour cruise.

The woman, who was wearing a loose singlet, trousers and sandals, scaled a wall and bared her bosom. It is not clear whether the royal couple saw her.

She was arrested after a struggle with police and was insulted by members of the crowd with cries of "barr" and "harr" as she was led away. She was released on bail on charges of offensive behaviour and assaulting police and is to appear in court in two weeks.

She was reported as saying: "It was Queen Victoria who made women dress up to the neck. I'm trying to reverse the situation."

A pattern of incidents has clearly been established since the royal tour started 11 days ago with the egg which splattered the Queen's coat in Auckland. Police have been told to be on the alert for further acts of exhibitionism during the remaining eight days of the visit.



A woman (top left) about to bare her breasts as the Queen walks by.

On Tuesday night, police arrested two young men who attempted to spray the royal party with water as the Queen arrived for a reception at a Sydney hotel.

A police spokesman said that a fire hose had been taken to the roof of an adjoining building and switched on.

The two men were charged with trespass and offensive behaviour.

Stadium opened: The Queen later opened a sports stadium in the Sydney suburb Parramatta (Reuters reports).

Together with the Duke of Edinburgh she dined with the

Victoria State Governor, Mr Davis McCaughey, and today they will attend a garden party and a pageant on Melbourne's Yarra River.

Before leaving for Melbourne on a Royal Australian Air Force jet, the Queen presented the RAAF with a new royal standard.

Soviet hijacker jailed by China

From Mary Lee Peking

The hijacker of a Soviet civilian aircraft which landed in north-east China in December has been jailed for eight years, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

He said that the hijacker, Alimuradov Shamil Gadji-Ogly, co-pilot of an Antonov 24, was sentenced after a two-day trial which ended on Tuesday in Harbin, capital of Heilongjiang Province.

The spokesman would not be drawn on questions concerning the extradition or motives of the hijacker, but said that Ogly could appeal against his sentence. The Soviet Embassy in Peking, which sent two officials to the trial, also refused comment.

The aircraft and 42 passengers and crew returned safely to the Soviet Union. East European sources said that the hijacking and China's decision to try the co-pilot was unlikely to affect Sino-Soviet relations, currently described as "cool".

Asked to comment on the recent foreign policy statement by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, calling for improved relations, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said it was a "reiteration of Soviet policy towards China, the content of which is familiar to us".

He said that the dates of a visit by the Soviet First Deputy Premier, Mr Ivaó Arkhipov, had not been fixed.

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THE TIMES PROFILE

WEST INDIES FAST BOWLERS

The most awesome squad in modern sport is the quartet of West Indies fast bowlers. Operating in relays, granting no respite, hurling hard 5½oz cricket balls at impossible angles at almost 100mph, they strike fear into the most lion-hearted of opposing batsmen, whose first thought must be survival.

Balfour Patterson, of Jamaica, is the latest of them. Reared on hard pitches that gleam like marble in the blinding sunlight, he joins the tree-top Joel Garner, the silken if ageing Michael Holding and Malcolm Marshall, whose standing as the fastest bowler in the world is already threatened by Patterson. Since the squad formula emerged, the Caribbean cricket conglomerate has demolished all comers and now seems about to repeat the 3-0 "blackwash" of England in 1984: the thrilling last-gasp victory achieved by David Gower's team in Tuesday's limited-overs match in Trinidad has lifted the spirits but may turn out not to have much relevance to the altogether weightier matter of the second Test, which begins on the same ground tomorrow.

One way, perhaps, for the helmeted and padded batsman of the present England team to compile anything approaching the total of 849 runs made by their predecessors in the Test match in Jamaica in 1929 would be to wear armour and aim for a target of 300 "leg bives" from the vicious bouncers of Messrs Marshall and Patterson. Against the sound of breaking bones currently echoing around the Caribbean, it borders on the surrealistic to remember that a 39-year-old Englishman once batted for 10 hours in Jamaica to score 325 in an England total of 849.

That was Andrew Sandham's achievement, though the West Indies attack he faced hardly resembled the modern bombardment. Sandham's 50-year-old opening partner, George Gunn, took advantage of Learie Constantine's absence to record his highest score of the series, 85. One of Gunn's many eccentricities had been to advance down the pitch to the fiery Constantine to play bouncers off the spine of the bat and deliver a nonchalant raspberry in the general direction of the bowler. Not recommended today.

If these dusty memories go a little way towards cheering up the despondent British cricket-lover, it is an incidental effect. They are primarily intended to pinpoint a time when West Indian fast bowling was respected but not unduly feared.

Three-and-a-half years after Sandham's epic innings, when the West Indies toured England in the immediate wake of the controversial "bodyline" series, Manny Martindale from Barbados bowled with ferocity, splitting Walter Hammond's chin. He pummeled the brave century-making Jardine with a sample of bodyline which swung English opinion and helped

outlaw the sinister leg-side fielding strategy, even if it could not stop excessive short-pitched bowling (only strong umpiring can do that).

When England next toured the West Indies in 1934-35, the captain, Bob Wyatt, had his jaw broken in four places by Martindale in Jamaica. Carried unconscious from the field, blood surging from his mouth, Wyatt came to in the dressing-room and, still unable to speak, gestured for some paper, upon which he scrawled a rearranged batting order. The pattern of West Indian Test cricket had been established.

There is no evidence that the hostility of black fast bowlers against the early touring teams was anything out of the ordinary. Native players like "Float" Woods from Trinidad had pace... when they were allowed to play. Black players were not always permitted to take the field. Cricket was run by the whites, who probably dreaded social embarrassment more than a bump on the head.

Woods was rated as one of the fastest bowlers in the world, but he liked to bowl in bare feet, to "feel de pitch wid de toe". It is suspected that he tore the soles from his cricket boots, leaving the uppers in position to keep himself, his captain and his hosts happy during the 1900 tour of England.

As the 20th century progressed, the restraints upon black cricketers — the fast bowler in particular — were gradually eased. The theory that black men were fast-bowling workhorses rather than batsmen also needed reconsideration as George Headley, from the late 1920s, showed himself to be one of history's finest batsmen. He may still deserve precedence over Weekes, Worrell and Walcott — even Sobers and Richards.

Headley was poorly supported in the batting, but at least West Indies fielded small brigades of fast bowlers. On the 1923 tour of England they had George Francis and, though past his best, George John, who finished his follow-through like Lillee, almost under the nose of the startled batsman. The mercurial Constantine was joined later by Martindale and Leslie Hylton (so far the only Test cricketer to be banged for murder: he delivered his own retribution on his erring wife).

Spells of blistering fast bowling from these men were common enough, but 200-odd bouncers and kickers in a day, like the present generation unrelentless, would have been unacceptable.

The rugged Wyatt, however, is again the centre of the story. During the West Indians' 1928 visit to Edgbaston, he went out to bat for Warwickshire as Len Bates was carried off senseless after being hit on the head by Constantine. If the bowler was remorseful about what had just happened, he managed to contain it for the next two balls glanced off Wyatt's skull for four.



Cresced lightning: Patrick Patterson, West Indies' latest fast-bowling recruit, in action against England

There is a looq-standing, explosively sensitive area here. If an Englishman is felled by an Australian bouncer, whatever the sense of outrage, it could not possibly have been a racially motivated assault — though it might be claimed that the blow was deliberate for more obscure reasons.

Do the West Indian pace meo dish it out to their own during inter-island matches? Apparently they do. But West Indian batsmen tend to handle it better since they grow up on these pitches (though Vivian Richards' record against Barbados makes one think: one century in 19 innings, average 25). Never, though, has there been such a concentration of life-threatening, lightning-fast bowling as we have seen from the West Indies over the past 10 years.

There was a time when West Hall would bound in and grind Colin McDonald's rib-cage. The valiant Australian opener would buckle at the knees, clutch his chest as if clinging to his life's thread, and gasp for air. Then he would walk slowly back to his guard and face up again.

These are dubious retorts, since for every alleged offender from any other country in the past, at least one West Indian fast bowler can be recalled to match. The West Indian authorities cared enough about the bumanities of the game to seed Roy Gilchrist home from the 1958-59 tour of India and Pakistan when he insisted on spraying a continuous stream of bouncers and beamers.

This was a stirring display of fortitude, a welcome part of the day's dramatic pageant. After a time, the spinners would come on and there would be a more cerebral, artistic kind of contest.

Today, however, the escalation from Hall to Marshall, Garner, Patterson, Holding and the rest has reached a murderous crescendo, do which shrieks remorselessly throughout the innings. The thrilling and permissively dangerous

one-to-one joust has been replaced by a protracted gasp mugging.

West Indian supporters customarily dismiss criticism of the fast bowling overkill with cries of "squealers" or "what about Bodyline, and Tyson, and Lillee and Thomson?" If asked why they play their cricket in this unsuitable way, the only succinct and remotely decent answer can be: "Because it brings victory".

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West Indies' strategy of deploying four fast bowlers simultaneously was first used consistently in the 1976 series in England, although this form of attack was initiated in the fourth Test match against India at Madras in January 1975. Its success is illustrated by West Indies' record from the first Test against England in 1976 to the first Test against England in 1986: played 74, won 34, drawn 34, lost 6. In only two of those defeats (both by Australia) did they have the four pronged attack. The chart indicates the career spans of the fast bowlers during that period, based on first and latest Test appearances.

Holder first played in June 1959 and Roberts in March 1954, and the figures given cover their whole careers. Holding, Daniel, Croft, and Garner were untested in Test cricket until 1976 and November 1979 because they were under contract to Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket.

He bowled his way to fame, fortune and a CBE. Umpire-barging Colin Croft from Guyana, who made a speciality of bowling round the wicket so that every ball had to be on the line of the batsman's body, picked up cash rewards from Lancashire, Kerry Packer's cricket circus, and a rebel South African tour. Croft's bowling action was the ugliest of them all, contrasting with the virile exuberance of Hall, the haunting "slow motion" deception of the giant Garner, and the poetic flow of the lithe quarter-miler Holding. The gross superfluity of fast bowling now tends to obscure aesthetic considerations.

Competition for a high place in West Indies cricket, with its instant recognition and material benefits, is at fever pitch; which perhaps explains why these bowlers seem to be bowling faster and with more frenzy than their predecessors. It may be too glib a theory that Afro-West Indian stock has physical advantages over the Caucasian and Asian competition, but the field of fast bowling, now that all the "shackles" — racial and social — have been removed, bears the mark of West Indian dominance based on force.

The white man, in his supposed traditional perfidy, can do nothing about it this time, even by amending the laws of the game. There are two kinds of Test cricket now, that which concerns West Indies and that which does not.

David Frith

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Power struggle at Battersea

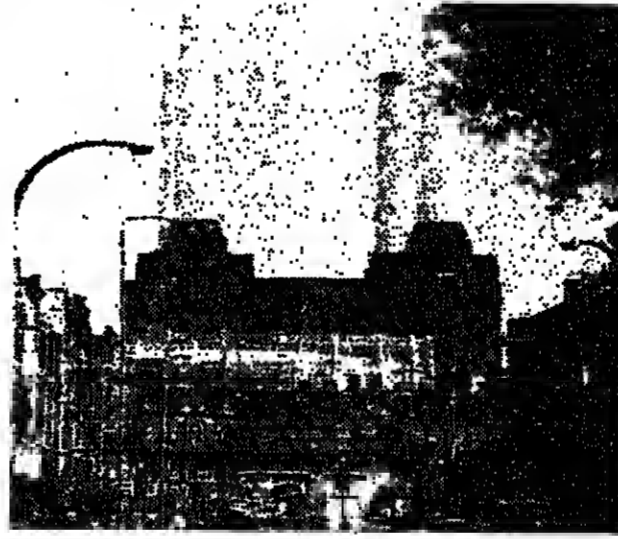
How a local community is losing its fight to stop a multi-million pound leisure complex

It now looks as though the defunct bulk of Battersea power station in south London will begin its new life as a £50 million leisure centre before the end of 1987. The Conservative-controlled Wandsworth council has just confirmed, by a majority of three votes, the earlier decision of its planning development committee to approve this ambitious but highly controversial project.

If the finished article resembles the artists' florid projections, the mid building and its surroundings will find themselves transformed into a massive family playground — a 1980s hybrid of Disneyland, Alton Towers and Tivoli Gardens.

The company responsible for the development is Battersea Leisure Limited, headed by John Broome, who is also the chairman and chief executive of Alton Towers. Before the appearance of Broome, a consortium led by the business consultant Sir David Roche had won the competition held by the Central Electricity Generating Board to find the most appropriate scheme for the power station's conversion when it was closed three years ago.

The panel of judges under the chairmanship of Lord Ezra



Riverside landmark: power station to pleasure garden

was swayed in favour of the theme park notion by the prospect of some 4,500 new jobs on the 32-acre site. Forty-seven public meetings and innumerable leaflets later the Battersea Power Struggle, as it is locally dubbed, has become an issue which transcends the mere refitting of a splendid industrial cathedral. Its more militant opponents object to the fact that the design of the park is in the hands of the Texas-based Leisure and Recreation Concepts (LARC) — apply for this long-running saga, the headquarters are in Dallas. Hence the temptation to see the whole enterprise as foreign venture capitalism, whose end product will be of doubtful local benefit.

The debate also touches on two of the main preoccupations of the inner city — unemployment and traffic congestion.

For this reason, Battersea Leisure is at pains to project an image of provider of jobs, which is calculated to endear it to a borough with 17,000 unemployed. The company reckons that nearly 50 per cent or 2,000 of the workforce would be recruited locally, most of the jobs taken by

people at the younger end of the labour market.

Battersea Power Station Community Group, one of the main opposition voices, takes issue with these figures. It cites the 500-acre Thorpe Park with its full-time staff of just 60, and Chessington Zoo (65 acres, 80 employees) as evidence of Battersea Leisure's "unsubstantiated promises". The group also maintains that if so many jobs are to be created, it can only be sustained by an influx of visitors far in excess of the company's forecast.

Intolerable burden on clogged streets

Last year Sir Frederick Snow and Partners, the company's traffic consultants, estimated that of the three to four million visitors a year expected at the complex during its first five years, about 65 per cent would travel by car with a further 25 per cent arriving by coach. Despite the developers' plan to provide thousands of cars, some residents fear that the traffic generated will put an intolerable burden on the area's narrow and already clogged streets.

Considerable importance is being attached to the establishment of a fixed rail link from Victoria station, and a shuttle bus service to be operated by Battersea Leisure. Although the planning application has gone through Wandsworth council, the authority has stipulated that certain demands be met — particularly those related to transport — before work goes ahead.

The Community Group would still like to see the premises used for small local industries, or recreation purposes, though it seems to have accepted the inevitability of the theme park. Tony Spalding, Battersea Leisure's public relations officer, is magnanimous in victory. "I suppose the trouble is that one tends to get polarized in these matters", he says. "Of course we were aware that the volume of traffic was bound to be increased by the park, and we went to great pains to have a proper survey carried out... I think it is very much to the credit of those who opposed the development that we have now rethought our original proposals on parking."

The building itself stands by the Thames, a rather reluctant symbol of change, its four famous chimneys stark and redundant against the skyline, shorn of those polluting smoke plumes which were at least a token of its usefulness. It is as high as a 22-storey building, and its mass is sufficient to swallow St Paul's Cathedral whole.

Like so much industrial construction in Britain its very development was as much beset by controversy as is its refurbishment half a century later. Years before it was built, residents and politicians had emphatically declared their opposition. In a Lords debate shortly after planning permission was granted in November 1977, Lord Askwith reminded his fellow members that two decades previously a parliamentary committee had recommended that no generating station should be put up in Battersea, as the area was already too industrialized.

Today there is a cavernous silence inside the place — one million square feet of it. Battersea, of course, is no stranger to the idea of recreation centres, having played host for 30 years to the nearby, and also defunct, fun-fair in the Festival Gardens. In the new age of leisure, much of which is enforced by rising unemployment, tourism and its related pursuits have become a growth industry, earning an annual sum of £36 million — 27 per cent of consumer spending, or 8 per cent of the national income. If and when the developers have their way, Battersea power station is poised to play its part in the new current of wealth generation. Whether this will improve the lot of those who live in its immense shadow remains to be seen.

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Johnson is a word too easily used. Nevertheless it can be applied to Burgess. He is both magisterial and lapidary.

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So Dr Burgess puts aspects of English culture in their proper place. He would set Virginia Woolf, for instance, who thought she had superseded the Edwardians, in the very tradition she attacked.

middle class." He finds Forster overrated, and Ford's The Good Soldier conceivably the best British novel of the century.

He has the little vanities of a great man. It pleases him to write of his friendship with Sophia Loren (but who wouldn't be proud to be able to do so?), and of the "huge Gucci travelling satchel Fellini gave me."

He has read Don Quixote three times; Budd Schulberg's The Disenchanted 20 times; Rupert Hart-Davis's life of Hugh Waipole 10 times; and Les Misérables in two nights and a day.

Here he writes of music, language, places, people, as well as literature; and it is abundantly good. Is he right, I wonder, in thinking that Waugh wrote too well for a novelist?

of a man who has pondered his craft. "The novelist is a confidence trickster, while it is the task of the scholar to abhor treachery and teach scepticism."

For all his brio, he is fair. His favourite novel is Ulysses (there's a marvellous warm essay on Ellman's Joyce). Yet he points out its fault: "It evades the excruciating problem that most novelists set themselves: how, without blatant contrivance, to show character in the process of change."

way with nonsense are characteristic. Artists, who get no end of a kick out of the trade they practise, are always eager to say what hell it is."



Growing up today in the US of A

FICTION Gillian Greenwood

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Samantha Hughes is the daughter of a man who was killed in Vietnam before she was born. She lives with her mother's brother, a disturbed Vietnam veteran whose preoccupations are more in tune with Sam's than with those of his mature contemporaries.

Miss Mason's novel lacks the skilful construction of some of her contemporaries' work (the leitmotiv of the television programme, M.A.S.H., for instance, is rather laboured), but nonetheless she achieves a remarkable final scene in the book, a mass mourning with a refreshing grain of optimism.

Andrew Harvey's novel, Burning Houses, could be from another planet for all the relation it bears to the details of small town America. Set in Paris, it is a very exotic creation, not much concerned with the outer world, and sometimes rather confusing.

The best parts of the novel (and they are very good) are about the relationship between Charles and Adolphe, which emerges as that of disciple and guru. Adolphe is a brilliant piece of characteriza-

tion. When he is present, the novel dazzles and enraptures with rich imagery, wit, and a canny observation wrapped in high camp style. Everyone speaks in an aphoristic manner. The relationship between Mark and Charles is less successful and sinks into banality - though the author is one step ahead of this criticism, as is clear when Adolphe remarks: "Why is it that when we meet Wonderboy we always speak like Rita Hayworth? Can it be the banality of the movies enraptures a great truth?"

The answer to that is probably yes; but it doesn't make them great art. An altogether different sort of moral confrontation is set up in The Lightship by Siegfried Lenz, a remarkable, spare psychological thriller whose tensions, though deliberately understated, have an undermining quality that makes the novel extremely menacing.

The Lightship of the title is on its last watch. Freytag, the ship's captain, has brought his adolescent son with him on this final duty. Fred believes his father to be a coward; to have a shameful secret in his past. The crew pick up three strangers in a drifting boat, who come aboard the anchored ship to wait for a lift across the channel. A game of cat and mouse now begins as a strange relationship builds between Freytag and the enigmatic Caspari, the brains behind the criminal team (for that is what the three are). Freytag is forced to make a series of moral decisions which neither his crew nor his son understand. A three-way battle of wits ensues, conducted for the most part behind a layer of silence, the dialogue being brief but for the most part profound.

The Jolly Roger of polemic

Readers familiar with Dr Scruton's political polemics may be surprised, but should be reassured, by the standard of erudition and argument that pervades this book. Described in the blurb as "an intellectual adventure", it covers an immense amount of ground, and is more illuminating in its asides and apperçus than in offering cogent conclusions based on conceptual analysis; but if the conclusions are not always cogent, that is because he is bold enough to take on not only a wide variety of authors, but also almost every concept that has sexual connections (persons; desire; love; gender; perversion; marriage; jealousy; prostitution; obscenity; friendship; beauty...).

John Wilson SEXUAL DESIRE By Roger Scruton Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.95, paperback, £8.95

a disposition to intentional action" he is concerned with what people do rather than with an unmoralized concept of their mental health. He is consequently unsympathetic to Freud and in particular to the Freudian unconscious, regarding Freud as a kind of failed scientist, and is insufficiently impressed by the fact that people have histories that continue to influence them.

Secondly, it is not entirely clear what Scruton regards as a conclusive argument in philosophy: his interesting discussion on method leaves this

open. Rightly stressing that the main problem is one of description, and placing himself among analytic philosophers, he nevertheless adopts an approach far removed from that of their most influential mentor, J.L. Austin, whose slogan "linguistic phenomenology" seems tailor-made for the purpose. There is in fact little close-knit discussion or dialectic of normal usage: one must assume that Scruton supposes there to be comparatively little mileage in such discussion for the topics in question. That seems to me, though possible, a rash idea to hold in advance of actually trying it. The difficulty is that, if we abandon the conclusiveness of Austinian discussion, we are left only with certain intuitions described more or less persuasively.

This is fairly typical of much modern philosophy. Certainly what Scruton has written is interesting, lucid, perceptive, and to the point. Whether or not we agree with some all, or none of it, his book should be read by anyone seriously concerned with the topics he investigates. It is a genuine work of philosophy; and an ounce of that is worth a ton of political ideology.

This author, I read recently, is "indignant when critics type him as a crime writer", because he sees himself in the tradition of Scott Fitzgerald rather than Raymond Chandler. "Yeah, yeah, yeah", as one of his characters, the DA from Bristol County, remarks, "Let's quit f--- around here and play a little golf."

As long as book pages divide their fiction into genres, this book and others like it will come under the Thriller heading at the top of this column. If Mr Higgins wants to be categorized differently, he should not introduce murder, sex, and a bottle of "acceptable" Cotes du Rhône in the Charter Club bar on the 36th floor of 200 Federal Street all within the first 25 pages. Let alone this oriental chick leaning back in the black leather chair, so that "her breasts became prominent against her white blouse."

As a thriller the book's OK. Respected late news anchorman on local TV loses wife and daughter to drunk driver. Driver gets mere two years in gaol. TV-man slays him with shotgun. DA is up for reelection; doesn't want case to come to court, not least because the TV-man has dirt on the DA and also half the fat 'cats around town. The setting, by the way, is contemporary Boston and Cape Cod, though frankly a sense of place is not Mr Higgins's strong suit. You need more than the odd reference to the Sagamore Rotary, cranberry juice, and fog to make the reader think he is somewhere other than the all-purpose USA you see in TV Soap. Lunch, bed, or office, which Mr Higgins describes adequately and often, are the same everywhere.

The sense of Dallas-Dynasty is accentuated by the fact that practically everybody in the book is unpleasant, especially the rich, powerful, and corrupt. But, like TV-Soap, the book is easy to read; and, unlike TV-Soap, there is a lot of quite snappy dialogue. More dialogue than narrative it seems to me; and a lot of TV-anchorman to tape recorder. All in all it's an adequate Beta Plus thriller in a respectable tradition. But sure as hell it ain't Scott Fitzgerald.

Nowhere, by Thomas Berger (Methuen, £8.95). I'm a sucker for a bad pun; so when Russell Wren is accosted on Twenty-Third Street by a derelict, who asks, "Will you buy my birthright for a pint of message?", I was half won over. By the time Russell has been bombed out of his apartment and hijacked on to Sebastiani Royal Airlines, where the first thing the stewardess says is "Would you like to skewer the breasts?", I was fairly certain.

Wren, a playwright who can't get his third act together, has been making a modest living as a store detective in a Manhattan deli. Now he appears to have been assigned to the mid-European principality of San Sebastian as an undercover agent, disguised in a plaid jacket and polyester trousers of kelly green, turquoise, and magenta.

It's Soap but is it Art?

THRILLERS

Tim Heald IMPOSTERS By George V. Higgins André Deutsch, £9.95

It is all immensely silly, of course; but also sprightly, and arch, and mercifully short. Some of the jokes are fearful: his fellow spook claims to have a disease so dire that it makes him not only seem drunk but also smell drunk; the Prince is a peddler with a passion for ice cream; and a congerie is put in a pillory with a sign round his neck saying I WAS RUDE. Books like this are a welcome antidote to reading another sort of thriller altogether.

First Loyalty, by Richard Laurie (Macmillan, £8.95). There is a grim topicality about a book that opens in a Soviet Labour camp, with two prisoners discussing imminent release, one to Leningrad, and the other to exile. The second at least is no Shebaransky, for he is the creature of Anton Vinias, head of SPETSDESINFORM. He is

not, comrade, what he seems. Meanwhile, in another part of the dooble world, Vanka-Ystankach has made a breakthrough and discovered that there are "chemical or endocrinological substances related to areas of unusual human activity - the longevity of certain Georgians..." If the substances are what we think, then we can all live 40 per cent longer than usual.

The author is a Russian and Polish translator, who apparently knows the Russian exile world in New York. As described here, this has the ring of truth. I'm afraid I was not, however, convinced by the plot, the shooty-bangs, and, least of all, by the elixir of life.

ARMADILLOS ...and the cure for leprosy

Existing leprosy vaccine grows only inside armadillos, so it will take a clone to eradicate the disease. Another link you may have missed between the purely academic and the sternly economic. If you haven't been reading New Scientist, you won't have made the connection.

Who said purely academic? newscientist Today and every Thursday

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THE TIMES DIARY

Ponting's new target

Does Clive Ponting know something we don't? He is about to start writing a book on Lord Wilson of Rievaulx...

Balancing act

Michael Heseltine will not be amused to know that he has unwittingly made a contribution to CND...

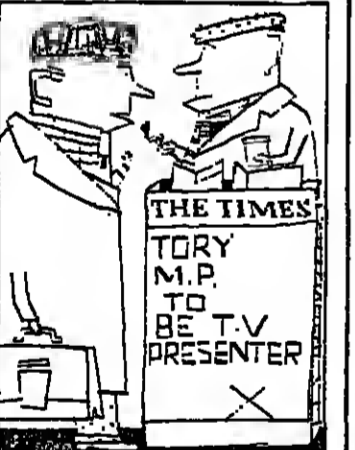
Facing facts

Norman Howard, chairman of the GLC's historic buildings sub-committee, got a nasty jolt the other day...

Still game

Tory MP John Carlisle will address the Monday Club at Oxford after all. A meeting at Oriel two weeks ago...

BARRY FANTONI



'I suppose he's eager to get a knighthood'

Never too late

We all know how late you can safely ring up a single man (11.30 pm), but what of Mrs Thatcher?

Frocked

Has Rome stolen a march on Canterbury? In a letter to the Times for a character reference, the head of St Bernard's Roman Catholic school in High Wycombe says the applicant 'has applied for the post of Home Economics Assistant (Part-time) at St Bernard's school and has given your name as a priest...'

UN-privileged

Lord Trefgarne, a government spokesman in the Lords, has confirmed my report that, unlike the USA, Britain is to withdraw United Nations privileges from visiting Unesco officials...

Tense time in the BA cockpit

Duncan Campbell-Smith on the fears that privatization will stay grounded

It is seven years since leading members of Mrs Thatcher's shadow cabinet disclosed a few tantalizing details of their privatization plans in the run-up to the May 1979 general election...

Another setback. The accountants and stockbrokers were originally set to work on sale documents back in 1980. Then BA was overwhelmed by the world airline recession of 1980-83...

The July date. BA is not yet free of the Laker imbroglio. The US anti-trust actions against BA could well be settled on March 17...

Second, the debate between BA and Whitehall over the airline's finances and their implications for UK domestic airline competition has become badly tangled...

From the government's viewpoint, both issues demand extreme caution. On the legal front, BA protests that the sums involved are now relatively insignificant...

On the finances, the Treasury appears to have no crying need for the proceeds of a BA sale during 1986/7. And the government is still concerned about what a private-sector BA might do to its domestic competitors...

proposed radical reforms two years ago aimed at exactly this problem, but they were comprehensively disregarded in a white paper, Airline Competition Policy, in October 1984...

The question this week is how far Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, is prepared to endanger the sale of BA in order to avoid potential complications over the latest US courtroom dramas...

But as the company's financial recovery suggests, great sacrifices have been made in the name of BA's sale since 1979 - not least by Ridley himself, since it was he in 1984 who swept aside the CAA's earlier objections over competition...

© Times Newspapers Ltd, 1986 Duncan Campbell-Smith, of McKinsey & Co. is the author of Struggle for Take-Off: The British Airways Story, to be published by Coronet on April 3.

Bernard Levin



A means test without the meanness

As it happens, the Natural History Museum is instituting charges because the alternative would be to sack 80 members of the staff, which I should have thought Lord Jenkins would deplore even more strongly...

I will go further. Try to put out of your mind your knowledge that I wish to send women down the mines and restore the Combination Act, the Elizabethan Poor Law and the Slave Trade...

administered form of it is in itself a sin that cries aloud to heaven.

It takes not more than seven seconds' thought to realize that we already have a gigantic means test, enforced throughout the land and applying to all classes and conditions...

Or charges for admission to museums and art galleries maintained at public expense, even if there are no such charges on Sundays; which is where I started. The denouncers and hoarse-screamers point to the terrible example of the Victoria and Albert Museum, which has recently begun to solicit a voluntary entrance fee of £2...

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Taking refuge in the reference books

The addition this year of Birmingham as a centre for a regional final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship has lessened the pressure on Bristol and obviated the need to eliminate any of the competitors there...

Latin for 'save' or 'except', hidden in an 'agonising fate'. 12. SHEM = She (Rider Haggard's Ayesha) + m (abbreviation for married). Shem being the brother of Ham...

Irish poet and journalist, round PS ('writing under signature'). APSE. 26. NAIL, driven by Jael through Sisera's temples (Judges 4.2 ff). 27. Sides of HAM = H & M, each with OGEN (anagram of GONE) = HOGEN MOGEN meaning Holland or The Netherlands...

Marietto going topless becomes ARIETTA, a Italian 'ery' in music = ASSEGAI. 22. (left) in MOOCH (skull) = MOLOCH, 'horrid king, beset with blood' (Milton, Paradise Lost). 25. An/ser/ine, or like a goose, leaves ANNE when disheartened. (And my apologies to any of you who were).

John Grant Crossword Editor

Ronald Butt

Why the Tories must take care

By using the little grey cells, one can usually predict the outcome of the next election at this stage of a parliament. Thus it was clear by the end of 1968 that Harold Wilson would be ejected, as he was in 1970 for failing to deliver his inflated promises...

It had been equally clear in advance that Mr Wilson would oust the Tories in 1964, since a wind of intellectual fashion was blowing for the classless, social democratic party into which Labour had apparently been transformed...

Nor is Mrs Thatcher likely to be turned out because there is a wind of intellectual fashion against her and for either of the opposition parties. Why, then, have so many moved from her? The reason is their belief that there are now new priorities which ought to replace the old ones...

moreover... Miles Kington

Incongruities incorporated

I am a great fan of radio, which I consider to be an advanced form of television. (The pictures on TV are very drab and mundane compared to the mental pictures produced by radio.) But I had forgotten until last week that Radio 4 is also responsible for the invention of a kind of English which is not found anywhere else in the media: the radio link. This consists of taking two topics which have absolutely nothing in common and then finding a link between them...

Once you get the way their minds work, it becomes a little easier. She might equally well have said: 'And so from the gruesome to the Gruyere...' Or perhaps: 'After the rising gorge, we move to the Cheddar Gorge.' If on the other hand, she had been looking for a move from palaeontology to cheese-making, it would be: 'From the world of the Neanderthal to the world of the Emmenthal.' It's like a game really.

Instead, it has introduced a small but useful assisted places scheme, and Sir Keith Joseph has valuably inspired a new approach to the curriculum. But it has done nothing radical. Instead, the schools have been locked in a devastating strike for which political clumsiness as well as union militancy is responsible...

More generally, concern about health and essential social services will not be stilled by bandying figures of higher spending, any more than worry about old people will be stilled by reeling off figures to show how much more the government is spending on their heating.

Reciting high spending figures simply sounds hard-faced and uncaring. The public judges these things not from figures but from what it knows from its local experience about (say) the problems of hospital admission, or from what it reads in the papers. Ministers taking their stand on total figures sound uncaring because they have been so long in office. They sound not like responsive politicians but civil servants obsessed with the letter of the law.

Mrs Thatcher should face the fact that the credit for past successes is being used up. Moreover, the intellectual climate which sustained her before and after 1979 has lost force, partly, one suspects, because the government's failure to attempt to practice the ideas it applauded in theory suggests that they weren't very practical after all. Meanwhile, the government wastes its energies on tortuous policies (first there was local government; now there is the over-sweeping bill on Sunday trading) which offend many of its natural supporters.

Applauded for what it has done, disliked for what it is doing and failing to do, criticized for incompetence over Westland, the government is faced by a Labour Party trying to shed its leftist image and an Alliance which is likely to get new credibility from its certain by-election capture of Derbyshire West and possible victories in Fulham and, conceivably, Ryegate. A growing number of people would vote for Owen and the Alliance if they thought it would not let Labour in, and they could get that reassurance from these election clues. For the first time since 1951, we have a wholly unpredictable general election, coming. The government has no reason for despair, but every reason for worry and action.

You couldn't run whole programmes that, though good, you? Well, I'm not so sure. Richard Baker does it on Sunday Week by turning the speciality of one guest into a question for all his guests, and Libby Purves is starting to do it on Midweek. The other day she had an American guest who had written a flip work on philosophy, and she found herself asking another guest about his concept of the world. As he was a Scottish bagpiper who had been invited to speak about piping, he was understandably flummoxed. I don't think Libby Purves realized what she was doing, she had just fallen under the spell of the Radio 4 link school of linguistics.

This sort of thing, thank goodness, has not yet spread to Radio 3, where they continue to concentrate single-mindedly on organ recitals and lieder. Talking of lieder, that's exactly what you will find on the page opposite this piece, and if it's organ recitals you prefer, you only have to turn to our medical report. Reports of a different kind are regularly ringing Bayreuth and not Beirut, though if it's interested in, there's almost certainly an opera piece on the arts page, and talking of pages, the Court Circular will tell you all you want to know. But for those more interested in the North Circular, our traffic report.



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COUNCILLORS AND THE LAW

Mr Derek Hatton and Mr Ted Knight imported into local government ideologies alien to the proper management of common services... The judges carefully examined the manner of decision-making in the two council chambers last year...

for the Environment, Mr Patrick Jenkin, to make a concessionary payment to Liverpool City Council in 1984... The despatch of Mr Hatton and Mr Knight does not end the case. The terms of the judgement, despite some equivocation on dates by Lord Justice Glidewell...

of a government not usually counted friendly to the municipal cause. To hold councillors responsible for an abuse of trust and remove them from office is one thing but it is quite another to bankrupt a group which, standing behind Mr Hatton and Mr Knight in mistaken but sincere support...

A WASTED EMERGENCY

The declaration of the State of Emergency in South Africa eight months ago was a double-barrelled political gesture. It was designed to allay right-wing fears that Pretoria was losing its grip and to shock the unruly township mobs into obedience to the state...

of the army from the townships to a lengthening list of non-negotiable demands by black activists. The irony was that, apart from the perceived need for a political gesture, the State of Emergency was not really necessary... But just as the imposition of the State of Emergency was a political gesture, its lifting at a time when the violence continues unabated...

sharing with the country's black majority. It is to be hoped that President Botha's announcement, despite the hint of further police powers, will help at least some black leaders across that stile... The anti-Jewish violence was condemned by the communist-dominated Polish Government, the official and still legal position headed by Stanislaw Mikolajczyk...

SYRIA'S UNACCEPTABLE FRIENDS

The Fatah Revolutionary Organization, better known by the name of its founder Abu Nidal, is held to have been responsible for the loss of 90 lives last year... Mr Farouk al-Sharrah, at a press conference yesterday, argued that the organization's office in Damascus was concerned with politics and a "knife" was allowed into the building by the Syrian authorities...

This is not good enough. There is an argument, it is true, that it makes sense to allow one's enemies to expose themselves - that even the tip of the iceberg gives some indication of what might lie below... However opposed the Syrian government may now be to the politics of compromise, however strongly it supports policies which Israel is unlikely to accept...

latter's continuing refusal to accept UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 (with their implied acknowledgement of Israel's right to exist)... The most obvious road is that to Damascus (in fact it is President Assad's turn to go to Amman). Syria has a role to play in the Middle East which is important - and could be crucial...

Nimrod decision
From Commander Peter Bruce, RN
Sir, Your leader (February 28) Sir, Your leader (February 28)...

procurement procedures. This is twaddle. In 1976 it was crystal clear to some that Nimrod was likely to be another lame attempt to match the USA in technology in one bound...

Yours etc
PETER BRUCE,
Kestrel Cottage,
Shirley Holmes,
Lymington, Hampshire.

Danger of delay on whisky bid

From Lord Polwarth
Sir, I have not intervened to take sides in the contest for the hand of the Distillers Company, but it is important that wider considerations be taken into account than simply the possibility of domestic monopoly...

Pursuing them for the surcharge is a heavy fate; even harder to impose on them the cost of an action which, at the very least, has served a useful general purpose by clarifying the operation of the 1982 Rates Act...

To make councillors so specially responsible raises the question of incentives to local office holding. If local government - meaning the honest use of discretion by elected members - matters then the calibre and number of candidates for office matters too.

'The Holocaust'

From Dr A. Polonsky
Sir, I was shocked by the savage indignation which pervaded Piers Brendon's review (February 27) of Martin Gilbert's 'The Holocaust'... The local authorities have long experience as the enforcement agencies for trading hours, so there would be nothing new in placing the responsibility upon them...

Moreover, a number of serious analysts have argued that the Kielce pogrom was the result of a provocation on the part of some communist officials which aimed at embarrassing the opposition by No one would wish to deny the existence in Poland of anti-Semitic feelings... The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start.

Yours sincerely,
ANTONY POLONSKY,
President,
Institute for Polish Jewish Studies,
45 St Giles,
Oxford,
February 27.

Paying for gas

From Mr J. C. Jones
Sir, I have received an estimate for installing a gas supply which specifies "cash with order"... The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start.

Silence out of court

From Mr Patrick Healy
Sir, Bernard Levin (February 28) and the Lord Chancellor argue that judges should be inebriated from making extra-judicial utterances in public... The position espoused by Mr Levin and Lord Hailsham implies, of course, that judges would transgress their strictures if they were to participate in the public discussion of the right of judges to participate in public discussions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anomalies on Sunday trading

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter
Sir, The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, in his letter which you publish today (March 1) pleads for the kind of Sunday country, and in other advanced countries, long before the Shops Bill was introduced... It is true that the Auld committee have examined variations of the local option compromise...

So far as his suggestion of a compromise on shops is concerned, the Auld committee found, after full inquiry, that there was no compromise which would not create further anomalies and unfairness... DAVID PRICE,
House of Commons,
March 3.

From Mr Robert Hicks, MP for Cornwall South-East (Conservative)
Sir, The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster argues persuasively for keeping a balance on the sensitive issue of Sunday trading...

English misused

From Mr. A. S. E. Robin
Sir, The comments (February 25) by several professors of engineering on the declining standard of English mastered by engineers are certainly well founded... The local authorities have long experience as the enforcement agencies for trading hours, so there would be nothing new in placing the responsibility upon them...

Keeping out the cold

From Mrs Atsuko Sakiyama
Sir, In Japan, in the old days, a hole for a furnace was dug in the centre of the living room and a table was placed over it... The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start.

Meaningful terms

From Miss G. M. Rintow
Sir, I thought I needed a desk top calendar but discovered that I needed a date case... The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start.

the elected councillors or by a local referendum... Of course, my compromise might lead to variations from one district to the next. No doubt this would offend the contrailists amongst us, but were differences in the past in early closing hours so devastating? In any case, what is so offensive in differing expressions of local democracy?

Space forbids me to spell out my local option compromise in more detail, including possible nationally determined exemptions such as the sale of newspapers, but I offer it to the Government in the spirit of St Mark's Gospel that "the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath".

From Mr Robert Hicks, MP for Cornwall South-East (Conservative)
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SIR PATRICK HASTINGS'S ADDRESS

MR. PATRICK HASTINGS, in addressing the jury, said that, if Natasha was a portrayal of Princess Yousouppoff, the film depicted her as a woman who had been defiled by a blackguard... The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start.

THE SUMMING-UP

MR. JUSTICE AVORY, in summing up, said that the case had been described as a novel and unprecedented one... The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start.

JUDGMENT ENTERED

JUDGMENT was entered accordingly for the Princess for £25,000, with costs... The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 6 1934
Rasputin was murdered on December 29/30, 1916 and his killer, Prince Yousouppoff (1887-1967) was exiled by the Czar to Kursh. In August, 1934 MGM, which had made a film on Rasputin, and Yousouppoff's wife, Princess Irina, who died in 1970, agreed to cease all litigation, on condition that the film contained a statement that the part of Natasha was fictional... The film was first shown in London in June, 1933 with Lionel Barrymore as Rasputin.

Law Report, March 5

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
PRINCESS YOUSOUPOFF
AWARDED £25,000
YOUSOUPOFF v. METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURES, LIMITED
Before MR. JUSTICE AVORY and a Special Jury
The jury returned a verdict for Princess Irina Alexandrovna of Russia, the wife of Prince Yousouppoff, of Rue Guttenberg, Boulogne-sur-Seine, Paris, assessing the damages at £25,000, in the action in which she claimed against Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures, Limited, cinematograph film producers and distributors, of Upper St. Martin's Lane, W.C., damages for a libel which she said was contained in a sound film entitled 'Rasputin, the Mad Monk'.

The defendants denied that the film was defamatory and further said that it did not refer to the Princess... The Princess said that the defendants published in the film pictures and words which were understood to mean that she (the Princess), therein called the "Princess Natasha", had been seduced by and was the mistress of Rasputin... The time must come when the killing has to stop - and the talking start.

MR. JUSTICE AVORY

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 5: The Prince Andrew this evening opened the Impressions of Israel Exhibition at Selfridges, London, W.1.

Their Royal Highnesses afterwards visited The Sobriety, Alben Dock, Hull.
The Prince of Wales, Patron, Operation Raleigh, accompanied by The Princesses of Wales, later visited the Operation Raleigh Support Centre, Queens Gardens, Hull.

Dinners

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner yesterday evening in Speaker's House. The guests were:
The Hon Sir Adam Butler, MP, and Lady Butler, Sir John MacGregor, Sir Richard Bony, MP, and Lady Bony.

Sale room
Dogged determination wins

Four highly competitive Japanese dealers ran prices for rare Japanese ceramics through the roof at Christie's yesterday. A Kakemon vase of around 1690, estimated at £6,000 to £8,000, sold for £36,720 after dogged competition between two dealers.



Lord Porritt, Lord Vinson, Sir Richard Thompson, Sir Peter Tipton, General Sir Anthony Curtis, Sir John Peel and Sir Walter Bodmer.

OBITUARY
DR E. A. MacLYSAGHT
Historian and genealogist

Dr Edward MacLysaght who died in Dublin on March 3 at the age of 98, was the first Chief Herald of Ireland and one of that country's foremost historians and genealogists.

DAME JOCELYN WOOLCOMBE

Dame Jocelyn Woolcombe, DBE, who died on January 30, aged 87, was Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service from 1946 to 1950.



Dame Jocelyn Woolcombe as ADC to the King

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. Elphinstone and Miss R.M. Dunnett
The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldest son of Sir John Elphinstone of Gblack, Bt, and Lady Elphinstone, of Northwick, Cheshire, and Ruth Mary, elder daughter of the Rev R.C. and Mrs Dunnett, of Edgobaston, Warwickshire.

Church news

Canon David Bentley, Rector of Esher, Surrey, is to be Bishop Suffragan of Lynn, diocese of Norwich, in succession to the Right Rev William Aitken, who died last year.

University news

Aberdeen
The following honorary degrees are to be awarded in July:
LL.D. Sir Peter Tevel, Chairman of the Royal Commission on the British Academy's Medal of Honour.

ELIZABETH SMART

Jill Neville writes:
Elizabeth Smart died on March 4 in Soho. She was in her early 70s.

Marriages

Mr C.E. Maclean and Miss D. Young
The marriage took place on Monday, March 2, at St. Paul's, Manhattan, of Mr Charles Maclean, eldest son of Sir Fitzroy and the Hon Lady Maclean, of Dunconnel, to Miss Deborah Young, daughter of Mr Laurence Young, of Chicago.

Latest wills

Mr Neil Edward Waters, of Chiddingstone, Kent, formerly chairman and managing director of Waters, the building company, left estate valued at £6,841,732 net.

Royal Warrant Holders Association

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders Association for the ensuing year:
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Luncheons

HM Government
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Birthdays today

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By Dorothy Bonn
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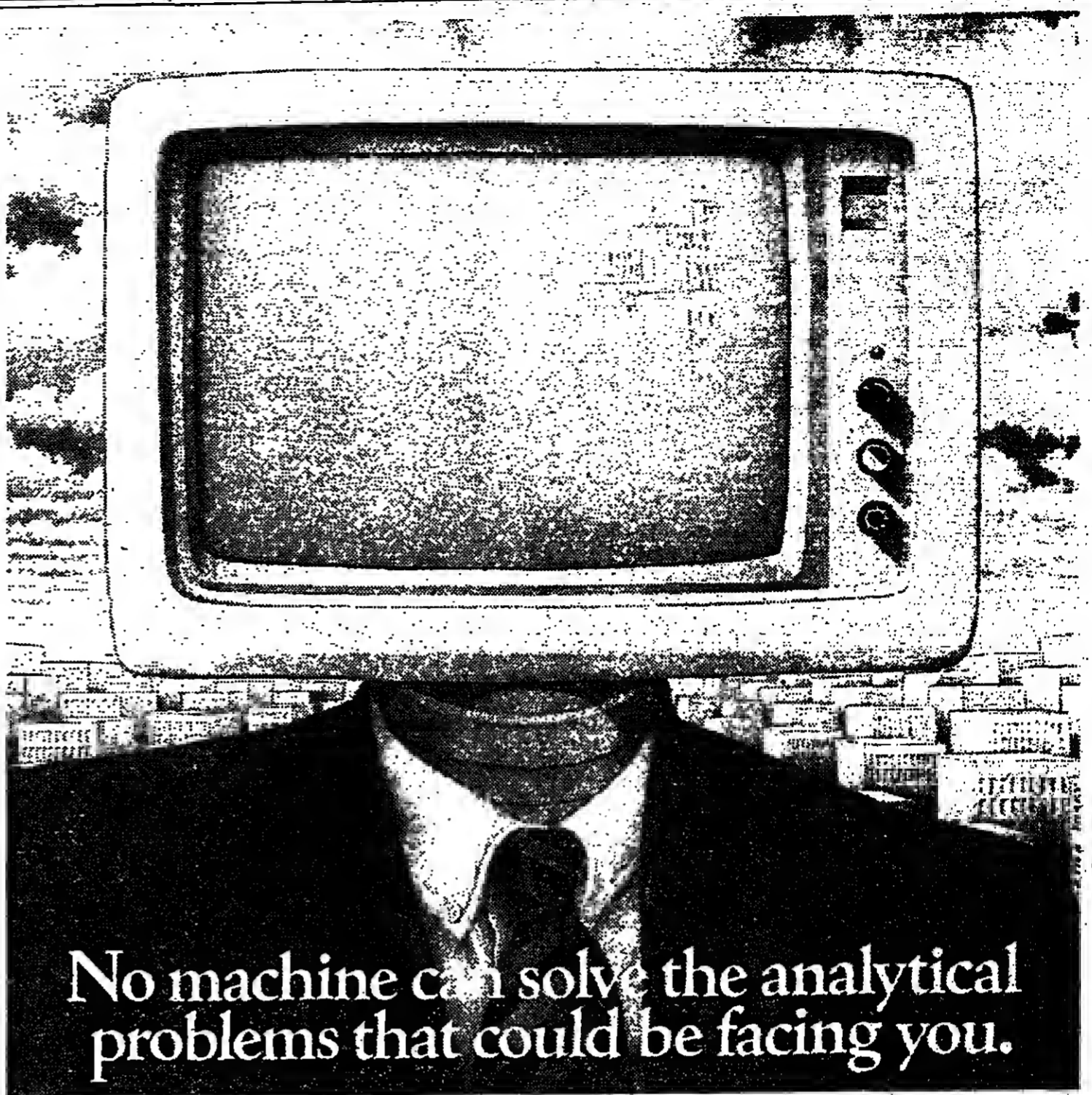
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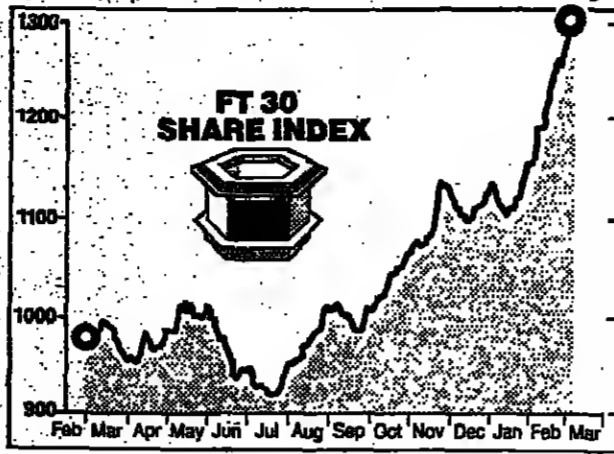
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Mergers and weak oil lift shares to record 1,301.3

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent

Share prices achieved new records on the stock market yesterday. The FT 30 share index surged past the 1300 mark, rising 21.4 points to an all-time high of 1301.3...



rising and we see no underlying reason why prices should fall," Mr Jones said.

Putting the contrary view, James Capel pointed out that new issues, privatizations and known cash calls will tap the market for £5 billion between now and next October.

"This could end the high institutional liquidity which is one underlying cause for the current buoyancy in equities," he said.

US markets continued their erratic largely optimistic trading pattern yesterday on the strength of a widely held belief that West Germany and Japan will soon lower their official lending rates and the US Federal Reserve Board will follow suit.

The dollar opened higher in New York as speculation increased that the Bundesbank would cut its discount rate by one half point, as early as today. At the same time, the US bond markets were hit by a wave of profit taking following a week of hectic trading and tumbling yields which dropped to 8 per cent on Tuesday on long-term Treasury bonds.

But there were plenty of analysts who believe the rise in share prices would continue. Mr Peter Jones of W Greenwell, said the market was only just beginning to appreciate the significant impact of the weak oil price on company profits.

"Lower oil prices mean more cash for industry which in turn means higher dividends and continuing takeover activity," he said. "Logic says there is bound to be a reaction in share prices but business confidence is

Dealers cited the continuing wave of takeover activity in the City, coupled with the boost to company profits that the weak oil price is causing, as the underlying reason for the buoyancy. Hopes that interest rates around the world are headed down reinforced the optimistic mood. In the US, Southwest Bank of St Louis became the first US bank to cut its prime rate from 9.5 per cent to 9.25 per cent.

Strong demand for leading equities, especially those due to report figures soon, eased widespread gains. Among leaders, British Telecom gained 6p to 214p, P&O rose 19p to 525p, Glaxo was 17p higher at 992p and Grand Metropolitan finished 7p bet-

Mobil has new North Sea find

By David Young Energy Correspondent

A potentially commercial oil discovery has been made by Mobil 210 miles north-east of Aberdeen, close to its existing Beryl oilfield.

Initial tests from four wells drilled at the reservoir 13,000 feet beneath the seabed produced oil at rates of over 7,000 barrels a day. Further tests are planned to find if the field can be brought into production.

Onshore, BP has applied for planning permission for a £265 million expansion programme for the Wytch Farm oilfield in Dorset which will lift daily output from 5,500 barrels to 60,000 and increase natural gas production.

The expansion, if approved by Dorset County Council, will make Wytch Farm the largest onshore oilfield in Europe, and BP hopes that planning procedures can be completed in time to allow full production by 1989, 10 years after the field first came on stream.

A total of 16 planning applications have been submitted covering changes to the gathering station and access roads. Only one new well site, on Furzey Island in Poole Harbour, will be needed with most of the new wells being drilled at existing sites. BP says that although oil production will increase tenfold, land area required for the extension will be very small.

At present oil from the field, originally discovered and operated by British Gas in partnership with BP before the Government ordered it to sell its oil producing assets, comes from the Bridport reservoir 3,000 feet below the surface.

The new wells will pass through that reservoir into the larger undeveloped Sherwood reservoir which has been discovered 5,000 feet below the surface.

A 10-mile pipeline taking oil from the field to a terminal at Southampton has already been proposed by BP and been recommended by Dorset County Council, but is still being considered by Hampshire County Council.

New figures issued by the Department of Energy show that North Sea oil output is still averaging 2.65 million barrels a day - enough to put Britain in fourth place for oil production behind Russia, the United States and Saudi Arabia.

North Sea prices have now dropped to their lowest with levels for April delivery being quoted at \$12.25 a barrel, compared with above \$30 in December. Prices for main grades in the United States have also fallen to close to \$12 a barrel.

Service industries 'the key to jobs'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Service industries, not manufacturing, provide the best hope for jobs in the future, participants at a monthly National Economic Development Council meeting agreed yesterday.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said that it was vital that attitudes to services should change. "Services do not mean servility," he said.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, and Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, agreed that it was unrealistic to look to manufacturing to provide large numbers of jobs. Mr Willis said that it was

Midland stages strong recovery

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

Midland yesterday became the third English clearing bank to report strong profits growth for last year as it began its recovery from heavy losses incurred by Crocker National, the Californian subsidiary it is now selling.

The bank also announced a sweeping reorganization of its operations into four divisions including a new investment banking group.

Midland reported an increase in pretax profits from £189 million to £351 million, which is at the upper end of stock market expectations. But while international business improved significantly, it ran into problems in the United Kingdom where provisions for bad debt shot up.

The bank was forced to increase specific provisions in the United Kingdom by £57 million because of two large failures among its corporate customers last year. This helped limit UK profit growth to £308 million from £281 million, an increase of 9.6 per cent.

Lloyds and National Westminster have reported 30 per cent increases in their domestic profits.

Midland's bad debts on its personal banking business increased. Officials said this was a worldwide phenomenon but added that there was a disturbing increase in defaults on credit card accounts.

The bank is reorganizing into four main banking divisions: retail, corporate, investment and international.

This involves creation of Midland Montagu Investment Banking to handle dealing, broking, investment management and corporate finance activities.

It will be formed by merging Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, with W



Sir Donald Barron: steps to strengthen balance sheet

Greenwell, the stockbroker, and several Midland subsidiaries and departments.

The new division will also include the Group Treasury department, a move designed to strengthen its presence in the capital markets.

The loss on international banking of £146 million in 1984 was turned into a profit of £43 million last year as Crocker returned to profitability with net earnings of \$38 million (£26 million) in 1985.

Midland is selling Crocker to Wells Fargo, the Californian retail bank, for about \$1 billion but is keeping Crocker's international loan book which more than doubles the English bank's exposure to Mexico.

Announcing the results, Sir Donald Barron, the chairman, said that the bank was taking steps to strengthen its balance sheet.

Capital resources stood at £4 billion, with total provisions for bad debt at £1 billion.

"This, together with benefits to be derived from the sale of Crocker, has placed the group in a position to compete vigorously in a rapidly changing environment," he said.

Midland's dividend remains unchanged at 25.5p

Yamani to seek oil price pact

The Saudi Arabian oil minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, is to meet representatives of other Gulf oil producing countries this weekend to try to reach an agreement on how to end the oil price crisis.

The countries, members of the Gulf Co-operation Council, hope to draw up an agreement which they can put to the full emergency ministerial meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in Geneva on March 16.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates are full Opec members, but Oman and Bahrain are not.

It is likely that both Oman and Bahrain will attend the meeting between Opec and non-Opec members due to follow the ministerial meeting on March 18.

Other non-Opec oil producing countries likely to attend the Geneva meeting are Mexico, Malaysia and Egypt, but Britain and Norway have made it clear they will not attend and have no intention of interfering with the oil companies' production schedules in the North Sea.

The Gulf Co-operation Council has already said it would prefer Opec to agree new production levels within an overall quota of 16 million barrels a day to bring oil supply into line with world demand.

However, Libya, Iran and Algeria have suggested more drastic measures, including a total halt to oil production to force prices upwards.

US orders up

January factory orders in the US rose by 0.4 per cent after a revised 2.2 per cent December gain.

Textile jobs boost for Merseyside

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Up to 300 jobs are expected to be created this year with the arrival on Merseyside of Yanztekiang Garment Manufacturing, one of Hong Kong's largest garment manufacturers.

YGM's decision to come to Britain follows an initiative by Mr Desmond Pitcher, group chief executive at the Littlewoods Organization, which is based at Liverpool and is one of Britain's largest private companies.

YGM is a big supplier to Littlewoods, which has chain stores and mail order interests, and at first a substantial proportion of the Merseyside

production is expected to be taken up by Littlewoods. The new factory, for which site negotiations are in progress, will produce trousers, shirts and blouses. There will be allowance made for additional expansion and jobs if trade justifies this.

British production is expected to be competitive on price and quality with that in Hong Kong where labour costs are no longer at low levels.

The YGM decision was welcomed by Merseyside County Council especially because of the high unemployment rate in the area.

Littlewoods itself expects to be creating about 2,500 jobs this year, partly by opening more chain stores and also through the launch of a new chain called Inside Story which will specialize in household, electrical and leisure goods. The main Littlewoods chain, now with 108 stores around Britain, will gain a Dumfries outlet in June while negotiations are at an advanced stage for two more, at Gateshead and Southend.

Littlewoods cut back on jobs early last year but has since been revamping many of its stores.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Why the Bank would not waive the rules

It is hardly surprising that those charged with supervising the City are making every effort to mind their Ps and Qs. As big bang looms closer the large financial service companies are straining harder at the leash. At the same time the wave of mega-mergers is producing new practices which the regulators must also keep up with. Almost single-handedly, the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell has been responsible for a spate of new rules. The effect appears to be twofold. There is an increasing reliance on laying down rules and sticking to them. US style, instead of the old informal "Governor's eyebrows" approach. And there is a tendency to put the lid on innovations, to limit the amount of change in a rapidly changing City.

Yesterday's collapse of the merger talks between Morgan Grenfell and Exco neatly illustrates the Bank of England's approach to regulation at present. The talks were scuppered by the Bank's insistence on making an exception to the "O'Brien letter", an informal rule limiting the participation of banks in moneybrokers. The last time it was actively applied was in 1984 when Barclays agreed to sell off most of the holding in Charles Fulton which came with the purchase of Wedd Durlacher.

But as the new financial conglomerates grow in complexity the argument underlying the O'Brien provisions, that they prevent conflicts of interest, looks increasingly thin. Rather than making an exception to the rule or letting it quietly lapse, however, the Bank chose to stick to the letter. Offending Morgan Grenfell alone is not as bad as the danger of offending the whole banking community, and if the banks ever want the rule changed, all they need to do is say so. In the meantime, the Bank's policy is that rules are rules.

This comes hard on the heels of the new rule laid down by the Bank last Friday as a result of Morgan Grenfell's activities in the merger game. Here again, instead of an informal warning the Bank issued a detailed set of instructions on strategic share stakes. It was partly prompted by the fears of other merchant banks that their corporate customers would demand a similar service in takeovers in the near future, but the Bank itself was clearly keen to nip the practice in the bud.

But Morgan Grenfell has already found a way round it by organizing a consortium of three banks to buy up to £111 million of Distillers' shares without transgressing the new limit of 25 per cent of capital. This is almost certain to prove the pattern of future takeover tactics by banks and the Bank of England appears to have failed to stop strategic share buying on a large scale.

Morgan Grenfell has also goaded the Stock Exchange into rulemaking.

Companies which are the target of takeovers may no longer underwrite the costs incurred by their suitors without shareholder approval - an obvious reaction to the £80 million Distillers may have to shell out on Guinness's takeover costs.

Whether any of these rules are subsequently relaxed when the regulators feel less embattled, probably well after big bang, remains to be seen. But for the time being they are leaving nothing to chance.

A paper Budget?

Barring any last minute changes of mind by Nigel Lawson, the chancellor, the budget will contain measures that will at last allow the growth of a sterling commercial paper market. The Bank of England has been sounding out the opinions of corporate treasurers and bankers in the last few months and the result has been resoundingly positive. There are plenty of potential borrowers among the country's largest companies while there would appear to be no shortage of investors among the banks, pension funds and insurance companies.

It only requires a small adjustment to the rules governing securities to allow the introduction of commercial paper. At present anyone issuing paper with a maturity of less than one year is deemed to be subject to the Banking Act which carries with it the need to be licensed as a deposit-taker as well as supervision of the Bank of England. The chancellor demonstrated in last year's budget just how easy it is to change the rules when he exempted paper of between one and three years maturity from Banking Act criteria in an attempt to stimulate the sterling capital market. The effect of this was in fact minimal, so the exemption of even shorter term paper is the next step.

It will no doubt be some time before a British commercial paper market gets anywhere near the \$270 billion outstanding on the US market, but there are obvious advantages to this method of funding as American corporations have discovered. It is cheaper than overdrafts and London Interbank Offered Rate based loans and in general more flexible than sterling acceptances. Commercial paper does not, for example, have to be related to specific trade transactions and can be issued for odd periods instead of traditional one three or six month maturities.

For investors the attractions include the diversification of exposure outside the banking sector where creditworthiness has declined as the international debt problem has escalated. Commercial paper is issued by companies under their own name. The banks merely act as intermediaries arranging the issue of paper, making a secondary market.

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Trade-weighted 73.7 (+0.4)

Tin rescue plan delay

The International Tin Council continued in emergency session late yesterday, with Malaysia reported to be seeking an extension of the midnight deadline for acceptance of the rescue plan. The request was made to the creditor-bankers and brokers of the ITC.

The stumbling block for acceptance of the plan, which involves the creation of a new company to take over the ITC's tin stocks, continues to be the attitude of the three South East Asian producers, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand. The ITC signalled its acceptance of the plan, subject to minor modifications, yesterday morning.

CU recovers

Losses at Commercial Union Assurance fell from £72.8 million to £58.8 million before tax in the year to December 31 1985. Premium income was down from £2.66 billion to £2.31 billion and the dividend is unchanged at 11.8p.

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BSR plunge

BSR International's pretax result slumped from a profit of £26.8 million in 1984 to a loss of £5.9 million in 1985. Turnover fell from £402.7 million to £261.8 million. The dividend is unchanged at 2.4p per share.

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Profit soars

General Accident Fire & Life lifted profits from £3.9 million to £26.5 million before tax in the year to December 31 1985. Premium income was up from £1.88 billion to £1.90 billion and the final dividend is up from 12p to 14p.

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MCD in talks

MCD Group, formerly Trafford Carpets, is in talks which may lead to a merger by way of an offer for MCD. A further announcement is to be made.

Loan plea

Argentina is almost certain to seek a new International Monetary Fund loan programme to replace the \$1.42 billion special drawing rights standby loan which expires on March 31.

£10m issue

Glass Glover Group, the food distributor, is raising £10 million by an issue of 10 million 6 1/2 per cent stock, convertible into ordinary shares between 1990 and 2000 on a one-for-three basis.

Bid response

McKechnie Brothers' offer for the whole of the issued share capital of Newman Tonks has been accepted for 876,756 ordinary shares (2 per cent) at the first closing date. The McKechnie bids or has received acceptances for 7,526,756 shares (16.9 per cent).

Dalgety chief

Sir Peter Carey is to become chairman of Dalgety, the international merchants, on July 1, when Mr David Donne retires. Sir Peter will serve as deputy chairman until then.

Offer success

Washams, the specialised instrument maker, received applications for 99.2 per cent of the shares on offer in its rights issue.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Table listing price changes for various stocks including RISES (BTR, Cookson, Sater, Hawley, Pearson, Comm Union, Burgess, BSI, Utd News, Vigne Ind, VG Inst, Walsley-Hughes, S and O, Alphamarc, TI, Brit Aero, MCD, L Ashley, On la Fite, Countryside Prop, Tops Est) and FALLS (EACO, Indaver, Fisons, Blagden, Midland Bank).

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - Shares rose sharply in early trading on Tuesday, with values boosted by a recovery in IBM shares, a General Motors share buyback and a further plunge in interest rates. But investors retreated as enthusiasm for GM's buyback programme waned. The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 12 points to 1,708 at one stage, dropped 12 points to 1,684 after falling from 1,714 at the high...

Advancing shares still led declining issues but the margin fell to 9-7 on volume of 165 million shares. GM gained 2 1/2 to 79 1/2 and IBM 1 1/2 to 152 1/2. GM had back 40 million shares. The American Stock Exchange price index closed lower.

Table with columns: Mar 4, Mar 3, Mar 4, Mar 3, Mar 4, Mar 3. Lists various stocks and their price changes.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES. Table showing market rates, spot rates, and forward rates for various currencies.

Sterling recovered yesterday, rising by 2.70 pence against the mark to 3.2333. This was partly induced by fresh selling against the dollar, but it was mainly on hopes of West Germany reducing its discount rate tomorrow.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table showing base rates, discount market rates, and overnight high rates for various banks and currencies.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table listing various financial futures contracts, including three-month sterling, US Treasury bonds, and short gilts, with their respective prices and changes.

COMMODITIES

London commodity exchange. Rubber in p per kilo. Soyabean. Zinc high grade. Silver large. Gas oil. No 5 new contract. May 154.4-54.2. Aug 160.6-60.0. Oct 163.6-63.2. Dec 167.6-67.4. No 1 179.7-179.0. Vol 1,728.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing dollar spot rates for various countries including Ireland, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Spain, and Luxembourg.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table showing sterling rates for various currencies including Argentina, Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, and others.

GOLD

Table showing gold prices for various locations including London, New York, and others.

ECGD

Table showing ECGD (Export Credit Guarantee Department) rates for various countries and currencies.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Large table listing various investment trusts, their assets, and performance metrics. Includes columns for company name, price, and change.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Extremely large table providing detailed information on unit trusts, including names, managers, assets, and performance data. Organized into multiple columns.

Advertisement for 'The Royal Bank of Scotland Mortgage' featuring a large image of a house and text describing mortgage services.

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Table with 3 columns: No., Company, and Year gain or loss. Lists various companies like BANKS DISCOUNT HP, Allied Irish, Hill Samuel, etc.

Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily totals to the weekly dividend of £20,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

Table with 7 columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Weekly Total. Shows daily dividend totals.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table with 3 columns: High/Low Stock, Price, Change, % Change. Lists various British funds like 100% Trass, 100% Trass 1985, etc.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Record levels

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Feb 24. Dealings end March 10. Settlement day March 17. \$Foreign bargains are permitted on two previous days.

Table with 3 columns: 1985 High/Low, Company, Price Change. Lists companies like Royal Bank of Scotland, Anglo Irish, etc.

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Large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page with various logos and text, including 'Gen Ac' and 'RESULTS'.

Heywood to raise £7.8m by rights issue

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Invitation for Offers to Purchase

Offers are invited to purchase the assets and operations of the Selco Group, the marine interests of Pan-Electric Industries Limited based in Singapore, currently under liquidation.

Assets: Approximately 100 vessels, together with associated plant, equipment and property.

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Interested parties should contact the Provisional Liquidators without delay.

The Provisional Liquidators: Pan-Electric Industries Ltd c/o Price Waterhouse, 1 Selegie Centre Road, #05-01 Nity House, Singapore 2260.

Telephone: 561-2222
Telex: PWAUDCO RN 23030

COMPANY NEWS

● **WOODSIDE PETROLEUM:** Net loss for 1985, Aus \$8.73 million (about \$4.23 million) against a profit of Aus \$4.27 million. No dividend (same). Heywood is to raise about £7.8 million, after expenses, by the issue of up to 5.38 million new ordinary shares on a one-for-four basis at 150p each.

● **SAVE AND PROSPER GOLD FUNDS:** Year to Jan 31, 1986. No dividend. Dividends and deposit account interest £139,356 (£110,863), underwriting commission £4,479 (£5,107), making £143,835 (£15,970). Net revenue £21,652 (£37,736).

● **A half-time deficit is announced by William Sinclair Holdings,** a plant breeder and seed specialist, at Boston, Lincolnshire. In the six months to Dec 31, 1985, the company made a pretax loss of £129,090, against a profit of £31,000 last time. Turnover shrank from £10.64 million to £10.31 million. However, the interim dividend is being maintained at 1.65p, payable on April 3. The board explains that the first-half results never reflect the outcome for the full year.

● **NINETEEN TWENTY-EIGHT INVESTMENT TRUST:** Results for the year to Dec 31, 1985, compared with the previous nine months. A final dividend of 2.5p (1.5p) is being paid on May 1, making 4p (3.5p). Gross revenue £3.29 million (£2.77 million). Pretax revenue £2.7 million (£2.35 million). The board is recommending the adoption of new articles of association.

● **TELEMETRIX:** Six months to Jan 5, 1986. Interim dividend 0.6p (same). Turnover £8.02 million (£8.18 million). Pretax loss £688,000 (profit £1.35 million). Loss per share 2.5p (earnings 6p).

● **JOHNSON, MATTHEY:** The company has sold Eagle Transfers to Millden Signs. This transaction, which includes the sale of premises at Lichfield to the new Central Midlands Co-operative Society for use as its administrative headquarters, generates about £1 million for Johnson, Matthey.

● **CARLTON COMMUNICATIONS:** Mr Michael Green, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the current year had started well. Profits before tax were significantly ahead of the first four months of last year. With cash balances exceeding £20 million and no debt, Carlton would continue to seek opportunities for further expansion.

● **F S RAYCLIFFE:** Half-year to Oct 31, 1985. Sales \$9.14 million (£815,450). Pretax profit £1,770 (loss \$57,922). Tax nil (nil). Earnings per share 0.22p (loss 7.29p).

● **FLEMING MERCANTILE INVESTMENT TRUST:** Final dividend 2.35p, making 3.6p (3p) for the year to Jan 31, 1986. Dividends and interest £10.46 million (£9.26 million). Pretax net revenue £8.35 million (£6.75 million). Earnings per share 3.87p (3.21p).

● **SANTOS:** Consolidated operating profit, before tax, for 1985 was Aus \$240 million (£115 million), an increase of 122.3 per cent. Sales revenue Aus \$506.5 million (Aus \$287.5 million). Final dividend 11 cents (8 cents), making 20 cents (15 cents).

● **STOTHERT & PITT:** No interim dividend for the six months to Dec 31, 1985. Turnover £12.33 million (£12.37 million). Pretax loss £1.42 million (loss £128,000). Loss per share 5.5p (5p). The board reports that the changes made between Sept and Dec last year will lead to a much improved situation during the second half of this year. Early results are encouraging, with improving order books in each of the four divisions.

● **TOPS ESTATES:** Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of the freehold shopping centre at Shepherds Bush, London, for £6.45 million in cash. The group plans to enclose the malls to create a fully weather-protected environment. The company intends to seek a full listing at the earliest opportunity.

● **SELECTIV:** The company is reporting for the six months to Sept 30, 1985. Turnover £714,000 (£648,000). Pretax loss £17,000 (£116,000). Tax nil (nil). Loss per share 1.11p (0.84p). The company is collaborating with a consortium, Cablevision Bedfordshire, with a view to applying for the franchise for South Bedfordshire.

● **COMALCO (subsidiary of RTZ):** Losses, before tax, Aus \$18.33 million (about £9 million) for 1985, against a profit of Aus \$90.38 million. Dividend, one cent a share, compared with four cents last time. Consolidated net losses, after income tax, Aus \$69.13 million (profit Aus \$20.36 million).

● **WILLIAM BEDFORD:** Dividend 4.5p (nil) for 1985. Turnover £3.9 million (£2.55 million). Pretax profit £938,151 (£650,686). Earnings per share 11.9p (8.6p). The board reports that to date in the current year, sales are holding their own. It believes that good prospects exist for a recovery in the European market in the last part of this year, based on the fall in oil prices and projected growth in the European economies.

Raybeck, the London clothing manufacturer and retailer, has been approached by a consortium of institutional investors and managers of Raybeck subsidiaries which may lead to an offer being made for the company. The directors advised shareholders to take no action about their shares until an announcement is made.

● **BROOKE TOOL ENGINEERING:** Mr Fane Vernon, the chairman, told the annual meeting that in the first four months of the current year the group had achieved a substantial increase in sales and operating profit was up by more than 35 per cent compared with the equivalent period last year.

● **BP CANADA:** The company has reduced its semi-annual dividend from 40 to 35 cents a share because of the current weakness and uncertainty about oil prices.

Councillors' delay in setting rate is wilful misconduct

Smith and Others v Skinner Gladden and Others v McMahon Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Causfield and Mr Justice Russell [Judgment given March 5] Lambeth and Liverpool councillors were guilty of wilful misconduct which caused loss of rate support when knowingly or with reckless indifference they, by their votes, caused their respective councils to act unlawfully by deferring, without valid reason, the making of a rate.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing appeals under section 20(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1982 by 32 councillors of Lambeth London Borough Council against the decision of the district auditor for Lambeth on September 6, 1985 certifying the sum of £126,947 to be due from the councillors both jointly and severally as being loss incurred or deficiency caused by their wilful misconduct.

In the circumstances of some councils, delay of more than a few days before April would be prima facie unreasonable and therefore unlawful.

The normal steps by which an authority which had full freedom of action made a rate was envisaged in section 2 of the General Rate Act 1967 as being:

- (i) To estimate, to the best of their ability, the total expenditure in the year in question;
- (ii) To calculate the likely total of receipts from rents and charges, and of monies to be received from central Government, together (where appropriate) with any sum to be taken from reserves;
- (iii) To make a rate sufficient to cover the balance of (i) less (ii);
- (iv) When, however, a council were rate-capped, the process was effectively reversed. Once the maximum rate was known, (iii) became a definite amount. If there was certainty or certainty with narrow limits, about the total amount under head (ii), the council's task was so to reduce budgeted expenditure down to no more than the total of (ii) plus (iii).

Local authorities were under an obligation in law to do that, even though the councillors might regard such reductions in expenditure as highly undesirable and politically unacceptable.

There was, however, an even more compelling argument for the auditor. The process of deciding whether, and by how much, to cut expenditure and whether, and by how much, to increase the rate, in order to prepare a balanced budget and make a lawful rate, inevitably took some time.

Even a council which, like Liverpool in 1985-86, was not rate-capped might decide it did not wish to increase its rate to any large extent. It was clear that that was Liverpool council's intention, which they carried into effect by increasing the rate by 9 per cent.

The only way, then, in which Liverpool could make a lawful rate was by reducing expenditure in its budget considerably. As the council failed to do that, it followed that the rate made on June 14, 1985 was not a lawful rate.

Nobody had sought to have it declared invalid in the courts, and presumably nobody would now wish to do so, and it thus remained an effective rate. This was still unlawful.

There's more than one reason for Midland's £351m profits.

Reason 1.

UK Banking: Midland's decision to provide "free if in credit" personal banking attracted half a million new customers. New Small Business Loan and Business Development Loan schemes were introduced. We extended our UK Autobank network to 1300, including installations in Tesco Superstores and Thomas Cook branches.

Reason 2.

Crocker: Major efforts by Crocker's management and staff ensured its return to profitability last year. We accepted the offer which Wells Fargo made for Crocker as it was clear that the asset value released could be better deployed elsewhere in the achievement of our strategic objectives.

Reason 3.

International: Greater efficiency and reduced operating costs led to increased profit. Our new export scheme, MIDFES, successfully replaced short term export finance facilities which were ended by ECGD. Record profits and a public quotation completed an excellent year for Trinkaus & Burkhardt in Germany.

Reason 4.

Capital Markets: The purchase of the remainder of Samuel Montagu has strengthened our capability for the "big bang". With the completion of the acquisition of W. Greenwell & Co and Smith Keen Cutler, we shall have a well capitalised operation possessing both strength and experience.

Reason 5.

Strategy: During 1985 we prepared a new strategy which concentrates on four market sectors - UK retail market; corporate customers both in the UK and internationally; investment banking, covering treasury, securities, corporate finance and investment management; and our international network, supporting the delivery and marketing of the Group's products.

Reason 6.

Results: Pre-tax profits in 1985 rose by 160% from £135m to £351m. Dividends per share are 25.5p, the same as for 1984. Balance sheet growth was controlled and the Group's key capital ratios all improved.

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CRICKET: TEST PITCH UNLIKELY TO BE AS FAVOURABLE TO ENGLAND

England hopes soar after the unthinkable is achieved

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Trinidad

England's last-ball victory in Tuesday's one-day international was all the sweeter for being so improbable and so very timely. A one-man show it may have been, but 129 not out was a tonic to the whole team, quite apart from being a great boost to the tour. "Graham made us all proud of him," Gower said, and he most certainly did.

There used to be a time when one of the chief joys of travelling around the West Indies with the England team was to watch the batsmen coming into their own. They would grow feathery which they never knew they had. That has changed now, not because the batsmen are no good any more (far from it) but owing to a decline in the quality of the pitches and the spread of face bowling. On Tuesday, for the first time on the present tour, the pitch was a really good one: it was that which made possible such a wonderfully entertaining game.

I should be surprised if there have not been times during the five and a half weeks that we have been here when Gooch has rued his decision to come. Now, all being well, he will feel pleased that he did. By mobbing Gooch as he left the field on Tuesday and separating sport from politics in a way that it has become so difficult to do, two black spectators provided the tour's most warming moment.

There was a message, too, in the size of the crowd. Yesterday's Express, one of Trinidad's two morning papers and a staunch supporter of the boycott, wrote in an editorial that "from early in the day cricket-loving Trinidadians had made up their minds, after weeks of protest, after months of reading daily of the blatant crime that is apartheid, that they prefer the joys of cricket to the politics of sport." Few can have believed when England arrived in Port of Spain a week ago that nearly 20,000 people would watch one day's play. Not many, I think, of those who were there foresaw the possibility of an English victory until there was only an over or two to go. What had been just as exciting for them was the near certainty that West Indies, not England, were going to win. After all, what side on earth, let alone one as unsuccessful as Gower's had been, could ever score 153 runs in the last 20 overs of a match against Marshall, Garner, Patterson, Walsh and Harper, supported by some of the best fielders in the game and with Richards in charge? It was unthinkable — but as if by Providence, it happened. All that marred the day was the arrest outside the ground of 16 anti-apartheid protestors on what sounded rather like trumped-up charges. Their morale had been badly enough dented by the sight of all those people passing through the gates, without that.

Salim cheers Pakistan

Galle (Reuters) — The Sri Lanka Board President's XI, replying to the Pakistanis' 285 for eight declared, made a slow start to their first innings on the second day of the three-day match here yesterday. By the close of play they had crawled to 52 for one off 32 overs.

Earlier, Salim Malik, leading the Pakistanis in the absence of five senior players, hit three sixes and seven fours in an aggressive 106 after hesitant batting during the morning.

On Tuesday, Cambridge won the rackets match when they defeated Oxford 4-3 in the deciding doubles at Queen's Club.

REAL TENNIS/ RACKETS: Oxford and Cambridge go into today's singles rubbers level in the University real tennis match, sponsored by George Wimpey, after each winning a doubles at Lord's yesterday.



Tour's most warming moment: Gooch is mobbed by two Trinidadians

Batsmen get their own back as underdogs wag their tail

It is always nice to see underdogs win, and on Tuesday, as England played West Indies in the one-day match at Port of Spain, there was a dramatic and unexpected victory there to be claimed by three different sets of underdogs.

Underdogs no. 1 were, of course, England. By winning they defied their own pessimism, their own mood of depression that has been with them for days. In truth the best they had hoped for in their hearts was to finish underdogged. That, after all, would have been a great leap forward.

One-day plan faces a delay

Charles Palmer, the chairman, already knows that his working party's report on English cricket is unlikely to be accepted in its entirety, by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at their spring meeting at Lord's today.

HOCKEY

Army's victory rewarded by triple honours

By Sydney Friskin

The Army's decisive victory over the RAF at Willeford yesterday enabled them to complete the Services championship trophy with triple honours. They retained the senior title, won the junior event and also kept the Wilkinson Sword, the symbol of supremacy for annual matches against the Royal Navy whom they had defeated 2-0 on the previous day.

RUGBY UNION

England take gamble with choice of injured Simms

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

judgement may not have been perfect in every situation — or how many players can you ever say that? — but his tactical kicking was excellent and, on other days, one of his breaks may result in a try. If only he could be certain of getting the mundane chores right, the drop-outs and the touch-finders.

There may have been grumbles over his goal-kicking in the last two games but in both matches, against Scotland and Ireland, there was an awkward wind and the point is that his accuracy in this respect is not sufficient, nevertheless the selectors are taking an obvious gamble naming a player who may be forced to withdraw.

England will not have a squad getting together in the near future because several players are involved in John Player Special Cup matches on Saturday and Sunday. The Park asked for a Sunday game because O'Brien, their full back, is involved on Lancashire's behalf against Warwickshire in the previous day.

Barbarian power fuelled by Scots

By David Hands

East Midlands 6
Barbarians 35

There was no comeback for East Midlands in the annual Mobb Memorial match at Northampton yesterday. The Barbarians proved far too powerful in all departments. Derek White, the Scottish flanker, enjoying a particularly profitable afternoon, and they won by two goals, five tries and a penalty goal to a solitary goal.

London have most of the answers

By Gordon Allan

London Hospital 9
St Thomas's Hospital 4

The London reached the final of the Hospitals Cup with a win over St Thomas's by a goal and a dropped goal to a try at Richmond yesterday. The last time the London were in the final was 1981, when they lost to St Mary's.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Council extend season by only 48 hours

By Keith Macklin

Although there is a huge backlog of championship and cup fixtures, the Rugby League Council yesterday decided to extend the season by only 48 hours. This applies to first division fixtures, with the second division able to go on to Sunday, April 11, if necessary.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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| FOOTBALL | LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Victoria 1, Leyton 0. |
| RUGBY UNION | HOSPITALS' CUP: Semi-final: St Mary's 9, St Thomas's 4. |
| OTHER SPORT | SADDINGTON: English Under-23 v New Zealand Under-23 (Henrievod). |
| BASKETBALL | Carlsberg National Basketball League: Final: Aalborg v Viborg. |
| WRESTLING | World Championships: 57 kg (F) 20:13, 70 kg (F) 18:00, 130 kg (M) 18:00. |
| BADMINTON | World Championships: 55 kg (W) 18:00, 82 kg (M) 18:00. |
| TENNIS | Wimbledon: 1st Round: 55 kg (W) 18:00, 82 kg (M) 18:00. |

FOR THE RECORD

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| ATHLETICS | Kobe (Japan) Indoor meeting: Men: 100m (F) 11.2, 200m (F) 24.0, 400m (F) 1.04, 800m (F) 2.18, 1,600m (F) 4.45, 3,200m (F) 9.08, 6,400m (F) 17.80, 12,800m (F) 35.40, 25,600m (F) 71.40, 51,200m (F) 143.00, 102,400m (F) 286.00, 204,800m (F) 572.00. |
| FOOTBALL | EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-final 1st leg: Tottenham 2, Bayern 1. |
| BASKETBALL | NORTH AMERICAN: National Association: Denver Nuggets 108, Houston Rockets 115. |
| BADMINTON | World Championships: 55 kg (W) 18:00, 82 kg (M) 18:00. |

BOXING: THE BATTLE TO CASH IN AS BRITISH HEAVYWEIGHT HITS THE JACKPOT

Bruno becomes ace in pack for Las Vegas discussions with King

By Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent

The noises at Frank Bruno's Royal Oak gym in Canning Town were different: no rope upon wood or leather on leather, but the chirrup of cameras and pecking with questions by soft-bellied journalists at the big man's face. Questions, questions, questions.

Everybody who is anybody would be there. The British contender would be a valuable card in Duff's hand in his talks with Don King, the big American promoter, who also manages the WBA champion, Tim Witherspoon.

but it is believed the scheme is too big for them to resist. The idea might not suit Bruno's backers as King obviously would be dictating terms. The British promoters, Duff and Mike Barrett, naturally want to cash in on the success of their show on Tuesday when they had a full house for the first time in a long while.



Czeizler: bloodied and bewildered (photograph: Ian Stewart)

by Bruno's right the first time, he dropped the floor and sat there with a look on his face of a man who had forgotten what it felt like being hit.

The referee, Guy Juras, of Canada, could have counted him out but stopped the bout. It might have been better if the contest had gone further. Not that there would have been any other outcome, but it would have showed us how much of Czeizler there actually was under the flash.

Meanwhile, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Ken Brown were in the strong draw for the Doral Open which has an increased purse of \$500,000 and which begins here today on the 7,065-yard blue course, nicknamed "The Blue Monster" because of the many lakes which reflect the perpetual azure skies.

Why Doral club have dispensed with Ballesteros

From John Ballantine, Miami

Severiano Ballesteros, like any prophet in his own country, never did much good in the annual tournament here at his own club, the Doral Country Club, and last year he failed to qualify in the Doral-Eastern Open.

The French correction benefits Britain

Bamford applies a little psychology

Last season Great Britain thrashed France 50-4 at Headingley. Last Saturday at Wigan, the score was 24-10 in Britain's favour, but the British coach, Maurice Bamford, regards Saturday's result as infinitely more satisfying and constructive.

and producing some excellent attacking moves. They stretched us in an attack and defence, and highlighted my weaknesses. Bamford's big problem now is to keep the momentum going until October. There will be frequent squad training and weekend schools. He and the management team of Les Betsworth, the manager, and Phil Larder, the coach, will continue to monitor the progress of players both inside and outside the current squad.

EQUESTRIANISM

Massarella returns to the fold

Louis Massarella, who was absent from last year's National Light Horse Breeding Society's (HLS) Thoroughbred Stallion Show after a disagreement with the HLS, has returned to the fold and today exhibits no fewer than eight stallions in the annual show at Park Paddocks, Newmarket.

ROWING

An exciting year is undermined

British rowing is looking forward to an exciting year. The calendar includes a five-day Henley Regatta, the Commonwealth Games Regatta, which takes place in Stratford-upon-Avon (an excellent course), and the world championships which will, for the second time, be held in Nottingham. It is a time for optimism.

SQUASH RACKETS

Tentacles clipped at great cost

Canon, the fashionable London club independently financing a hand-picked professional squad in the American Express Premier League, have failed by the narrowest margin, and at considerable cost, to halt the march of Ardleigh Hall towards the league championships.

FISHING

Sea trout mystery is fathomless

Scientists are still puzzled by the sea trout. It is not surprising. The sea trout was once described as a fish without a home whose ways were mysterious to man. They still are. A collection of 36 distinguished biologists, zoologists, ichthyologists - from institutes and universities from all parts of the British Isles spent three days analysing and discussing sea trout at a seminar organized by the Welsh Water Authority for the Atlantic Salmon Trust.

RACING: HUNGARY HUR MISSES CHELTENHAM AFTER TRAINING SETBACK

Storey in form for Festival

Will Storey, who will have his first Cheltenham runner next week when he saddles Santopadre for the Triumph Hurdle, showed that his Consett string are in fine fettle by sending out Star's Delight to win the first division of the Horby Novices' Hurdle at Catterick Bridge yesterday.

Punchestown fences should test Dawn Run and O'Neill

Dawn Run's final trial for next Thursday's Cheltenham Gold Cup will take place on Punchestown racecourse early this morning. Her trainer, John Mullins, confirmed that John O'Neill would ride the more over the testing Punchestown fences.

Results from Catterick Bridge

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ALSO RAN 4-1 Fav Shewbury P/U, 7-2 Prince Sandringham, 10-1 Lilla Middle, 11-1 Inceby, 12-1 Tudor Pyle, 13-1 O'Neill, 14-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 15-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 16-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 17-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 18-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 19-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 20-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 21-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 22-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 23-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 24-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 25-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 26-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 27-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 28-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 29-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 30-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 31-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 32-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 33-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 34-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 35-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 36-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 37-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 38-1 Star's Delight (J J O'Neill), 39-1 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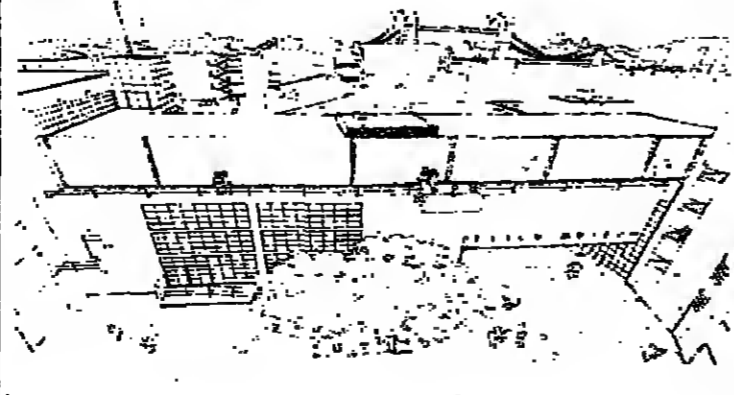
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